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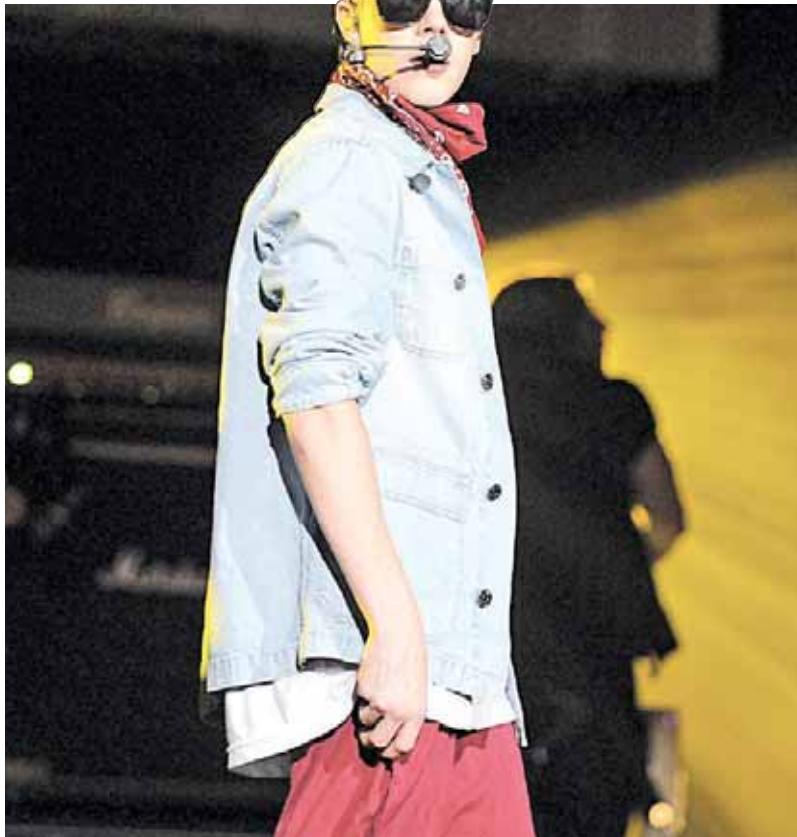
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BIEBER MURDER PLOT?

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Believe it or not: Justin Bieber was the apparent target of a grisly murder plot concocted by an inmate in New Mexico, state police said yesterday. The singer's management, asked to comment, released a statement saying only that they take "every precaution to protect and insure the safety of Justin and his fans." MICHAEL KOVAC/GETTY IMAGES

LIFE
AS IT'S MEANT TO BE SEEN

Priority politics play into city's transit plan

Many pages. Ald. ask city staff to publish a smaller, more 'citizen-friendly' summary of 232-page transit plan

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Quoted

"There will be, at some point in time, a squabble — if you want to call it that — about which line should start first and where it should go. Absolutely."

Ald. Shane Keating
On the next LRT expansion

Calgary's RouteAhead document aims to connect the city as a whole, but parochial politics were evident as soon as aldermen began debating the plan Wednesday.

Ward-specific questions and requests came from numerous members of the city's transportation and transit committee, as well as aldermen who aren't part of the committee but sat in on its meeting anyway.

At one point, 14 of council's 15 members were present in the meeting — a rare sight

southeast transit expansion as "premature."

Ald. Shane Keating, who has long campaigned for better southeast transit, again mentioned his preference Wednesday but said he'd prefer to save a detailed discussion for the future.

"Let's begin that battle when we've got the cash," he said.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, however, said the point of RouteAhead "wasn't just to create something we can fight about later, when the money comes."

While he described RouteAhead as a "living document," Nenshi said council should not be cavalier about deviating from the document, once approved.

Ultimately, the committee agreed to adopt the 30-year, \$13-billion plan in principle but asked administration to come back to council in February 2013 with a detailed explanation of how it ranked the priority of projects in the RouteAhead document.



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Project

Tentative timeline for U of C student residences

Phase 1 — to be completed by June 2015:

Construction of a 380-bed complex for single-graduate students along Collegiate Road that will later be expanded at a cost of nearly \$40 million.

Construction of a 200-bed complex for second-, third- and fourth-year students along 24th Avenue NW at a cost of \$24 million.

Demolition of the Norquay, Brewster and Castle building.

Phase 2 — to be completed by June 2019:

Additional construction at the Collegiate Road complex to add a further 550 beds at a cost of roughly \$65 million.

Demolition of the Glacier and Olympus buildings.

Phase 3 — to be completed by June 2021:

Construction of a 480-bed complex for first-year students that will link with the Phase 1 complex along 24th Avenue NW and cost approximately \$43 million.

Establishment of a plaza with a summer seating/winter skating area as well as shops.

Phase 4 — to be completed by June 2026:

Renovation of the Cascade hall along 24th Avenue to add 381 beds at a cost of \$33 million.



This concept image shows the thinking behind one piece of the University of Calgary's residence master plan. This plaza for first-year students at 24th Avenue NW would be completed by June 2021. CONTRIBUTED/UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

U of C eyes \$240M residence expansion

At what cost. Students' union worries those attending classes will be servicing debt for project



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Project highlights

- **Capacity.** When completed, the residence master plan will bring the total on-campus housing capacity to 3,677 beds, up from 2,523 currently. Concept drawings provided

to Metro indicate at least one phase of the project will see the creation of a student housing plaza that will feature coffee shops, as well as a summer seating/winter skating area.

Shovels could break ground next year, as Calgary's largest university presses ahead with an estimated \$240-million plan to double student residence capacity.

The University of Calgary's residence master plan, presented to the board of governors last week, aims to house 15 per cent of enrolled undergraduates on campus by 2022 and the first phase of that — two new buildings at a cost of nearly \$65 million — is slated to open in time for the institution's 50th-anniversary

celebration in 2016.

"Residence is not just typical accommodations for students, is more than just simply a place to live and stay," said Voula Cocolakis, executive director of ancillary services. "It's all about the experiences and strong community that develops and evolves within residence."

The plan will also see current residence housing at the university, which was constructed to house athletes participating in the 1988 Olympics, torn down.

union, supports the plan in theory but has concerns about its implementation and what he views as a steep price tag.

No money is provided from the university budget to construct the residences; instead, Cocolakis said money will be borrowed and then revenue from student residence fees — and potentially other sources — will go towards servicing that loan.

Birk said he isn't comfortable with that.

"We already had a five-percent increase (in residence fees) approved for next year," he said. "If that keeps going up year after year to cover this debt, students won't be able to handle it."

Cocolakis said the university has no intentions of pitching steep residence-rate hikes, adding that campus housing prices must stay competitive to keep students coming in.



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Going local

Teacher contract talks break down

Talks between Alberta teachers, the province, and the school-boards association have officially broken down, sending contract negotiations back to local school boards.

But the move to negotiate contracts with local school boards — the common practice prior to

establishing a province-wide framework in 2007 — should not concern parents, said both Education Minister Jeff Johnson and Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) president Carol Henderson.

Henderson did say, however, that Albertans sending their little ones off to school should be taking a keen interest in the workplace issues currently plaguing teachers, including large class sizes and the resulting inability to properly attend to students with special needs.

Get with the times

"We don't want the discussion on the profession to get 10 years behind, which is what would have happened."

Education Minister Jeff Johnson, on the ATA's veto power under a previous contract

"We're disappointed that this didn't happen," Henderson added. "The minister and the premier, we believe, have missed an enormous opportunity to

improve classroom conditions with children and to contain their costs."

Johnson has said in the past he was not comfortable with restricting assigned hours for teachers; the ATA wanted to cap that total at 1,200 per year and was willing to agree to a two-year freeze on salary grids for its members in return.

The minister added Wednesday that the ATA also pushed to keep veto powers over potential changes to teaching policy and accompanying legislation.

"We do want to have a discussion about what a 21st-century teacher looks like," he said, adding the ATA had maintained veto power for the past five years under the previous contract.

Henderson said local bargaining is already beginning — in all, 62 boards will work through local negotiations — and she is seeing some "warning signs" of tough discussions ahead with a few select rural Alberta school divisions.

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Alberta Education Minister
Jeff Johnson METRO FILE

Differing expectations to blame for city-charters delay: Redford

Mayors disappointed.
Charters, which would give cities special legislative authorities, unlikely to be completed before fall election

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City charters for Calgary and Edmonton likely won't be completed on schedule as the cities and the province can't seem to agree what the charters should achieve.

The province started down the process of creating the charters this past summer, but in a year-end interview with Metro, Premier Alison Redford said they likely won't be coming to the legislature next spring, or even before next fall's elections.

"My sense is we won't have anything in place be-

fore the municipal elections," she said.

Redford said it appears Edmonton and Calgary's mayors have different ideas about what the charters should achieve.

"I think everyone came to the table with a different set of expectations, so I think the first part is to try and figure out what everyone's expectations are," she said.

The charters were supposed to be new legislative tools that would allow the province's biggest cities to better address some of their unique challenges. Both mayors were hoping they would provide new tax powers to meet city challenges.

Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel said he believes the city has done everything it can to bring the charters forward.

"It's very disappointing that we had a set timetable to get this done and it's not going anywhere and it's not for a lack of trying on our part," he said.

Unique challenges

- The province and the cities signed a memorandum of understanding on the issue before the discussions got underway this summer.
- Several other large cities in Canada — including Toronto — have municipal charters giving them special authorities because of their unique challenges.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi was unavailable for an interview Wednesday, but did send a comment via email. "I hope to meet with the premier soon to bring her up to speed on this topic," he wrote.

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In a year-end interview with Metro Edmonton, Premier Alison Redford said the government and municipal mayors had different ideas about what proposed city charters would achieve. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO



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Change afoot. City taking over repairs to soccer centre

The city is taking the reins on constructing a replacement structure at Calgary's largest soccer centre and seeking proposals from new operators, officials said Wednesday.

But Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the Calgary Soccer Federation — the current leaseholders of the Subway Soccer Centre — would be granted a chance to apply again, provided they resolve some "organizational issues" he believes executive members would admit to having.

"I imagine that if they wanted to put the best foot forward in the application — if they wanted to meet the criteria as well as they possibly can — they would be well-advised to try to resolve some of their organizational issues prior to application," Nenshi said.

The city has committed \$5.2 million to build an annex-style structure at the soccer centre, which will replace a bubble that collapsed for the second time in 2010 and was never inflated again. The city is also developing a financial strategy to fund the remaining \$5 million for the project, a release says.

Nenshi said the city always believed the full cost of the structure would come in at about \$11 million, but federation executives maintained they could do it for half the cost. Construction repeatedly has been delayed.



This is the planned site for an annex-style structure at Subway Soccer Centre. METRO FILE

The soccer federation has maintained a lease agreement at the centre for 20 years, but its agreement expires at year's end.

Reached Wednesday, federation president Angus Smith deemed city council's handling of the matter in private meetings "disrespectful" and scoffed at the mayor's claim of internal struggles.

"They never asked us to come stand before them," he said, adding, "I think it's both in soccer's interest and city council's interest to be cordial with each other."

Smith said the federation intends to work out an interim deal to continue running the centre until the end of the current indoor soccer season in the spring, minimizing the impact on athletes using the facility.

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SAIT employee Donald Robertshaw, inset, also worked at the Canyon Meadows Aquatic and Fitness Centre and had staff access to the facility, police say.

SAIT/METRO FILE; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

Accused locker-room voyeur leaves SAIT

Key evidence. Police investigation sparked after two digital memory devices, apparently dropped by accident, were found in pool parking lot



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Accused voyeur Donald Robertshaw has voluntarily retired from his job at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, according to the

Calgary post-secondary institution, where he recently had a scholarship named after him.

"I can tell you that Donald Robertshaw is no longer at SAIT," spokesperson Melanie Simmons said. "He chose to retire, effective immediately."

Simmons would not say exactly what Robertshaw did at SAIT, citing the institution's policy on personnel information, but he is described online as an electronics technologist.

Last year, the Western Association of Broadcast Engineers (WABE) named a scholarship in Robertshaw's honour, according to the SAIT student.

In court

Donald Robertshaw's first scheduled court appearance is on Jan. 10.

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"Don Robertshaw was recognized by WABE for his long-time excellent service to the BXST (Broadcast Systems Technology) program and to our industry," the newsletter says, adding that the scholarship is "to be given out annually to a deserving BXST student."

WABE president Brad

Hooper said the volunteer organization will monitor the court proceedings against Robertshaw and "make the appropriate decision" regarding the future of the scholarship when the case concludes.

Robertshaw was arrested on Monday and charged with four counts of voyeurism. Police allege the 60-year-old surreptitiously photographed four female employees in a staff locker-room at the Canyon Meadows Aquatic and Fitness Centre, where he also worked.

Simmons said there is no suggestion that any of the charges relate to any activities involving SAIT.

Influenza. Flu clinics close after this weekend

Alberta Health Services is reminding Calgarians that this weekend will be their last chance this season to visit a dedicated influenza-immunization clinic.

Clinics first opened for the season on Oct. 15 and will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

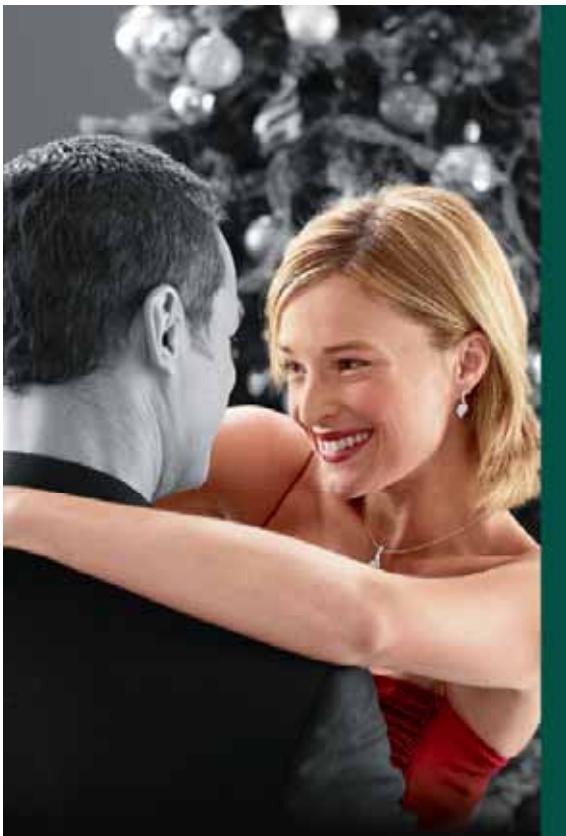
The immunization will continue to be available at health-care centres until the end of March, but AHS is encouraging Calgarians to take

advantage of the dedicated clinics now. Immunizations are free of charge to any Albertan over six months old.

The clinics are being held at five locations across the city, including Avenida Village on Lake Fraser Drive SE on Dec. 12 and 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and on Dec. 14 and 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Calgarians go big for light, sound holiday displays

Day 6. On Day 6 of Metro's 12 Days of Christmas, we find one Christmas enthusiast using 12,000 lights, plus musical accompaniment, of course, to celebrate

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Thousands of bulbs, tangled wires and hours of work are all worth it, according to several Calgarians, once the switch is flicked.

As a Christmas display enthusiast, David Stokes was inspired to create lightenupcalgary.com in 2008, which allows fellow Calgarians to share tips on light installation, as well as find the best displays in town.

"I've always loved Christ-

mas," said Stokes, whose own display involves about 12,000 LED lights animated to music. "I wanted to create something that the users and people touring around could update."

For the first time this year, John Jenkins said he decided to take his display to the next level after speaking with lightenupcalgary.com users.

Jenkins' display includes more than 7,000 lights, as well as a 5.5-metre inflatable Santa.

"This was my first year going this big, and honestly, it's a labour of love," he said, estimating it took 40-plus hours to set up.

Jenkins said he learned how to set up his display with the help of electrician Sean Bain, who's been going all out for a number of years.

Sean's wife, Tracy Bain, said it was her father-in-law's dream to build an elaborate display, but he passed away before he could see it com-

Music

- Stokes transmits music through 99.9 FM from 6 and 9 p.m. at his Coventry Hills home.
- The Bain family transmits music through 100.1 FM.
- Jenkins uses 88.5 FM to transmit his music, which works within about 150 to 200 feet of his Auburn Bay home.
- For exact addresses and a complete map of homes to visit, go to lightenupcalgary.com/calgary-map.

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"It's worth it to us because it's what his dad had started — it was his dream," she said, of the days of work it takes. "It's just so nice to make people smile."

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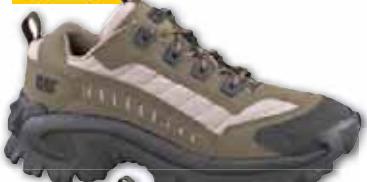
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New year to ring in new taxi bylaw, says city

Court challenge.

Bylaw aimed at improving city's taxi service, but taxi companies have concerns over costs

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Despite a pending judicial review, Calgary intends to continue with "business as usual" when it comes to a new taxi bylaw, according to the city official in charge of compliance.

"It will be implemented regardless of any outstanding judicial matter," said chief livery officer Marc Halat. "We will be bringing it forward."

Associated Cab initiated the judicial review process this summer. President Roger Richard said the matter had been set to go before a judge on Wednesday but

has now been put off until April 3, 2013, to give the city and taxi companies a chance to resolve any differences out of court.

The bylaw was approved by council earlier this year and would require taxi companies to digitally track a variety of data, including customer response times and vehicle counts, and submit the information to the city.

"We will be bringing that bylaw into force as required in 2013 (on) Jan. 1," Halat said.

But Richard said his understanding is that the rules won't apply until the judicial review happens or the matter is otherwise settled.

"Whether the bylaw comes into effect on Jan. 1, my information is that it's not going to apply until April 3," he said.

Richard contends the bylaw, as it stands, is impractical and would require taxi companies to install costly technology, some of which doesn't even exist.



Taxis in Calgary will need to gather a variety of data and submit it to the city, according to a new bylaw. METRO FILE

Police seek help in alleged gang homicides



Police are hoping to speak with these two men, seen in a surveillance video at a convenience store around the time of a 2008 double murder. CONTRIBUTED

Detectives are releasing surveillance video from alleged 2008 gang murders in hopes of tracking down people who may have information.

On Oct. 26, 2008, police responded to a restaurant in the 4100 block of Marlborough Drive NE around 4 a.m. after receiving reports of a shooting.

They found a man and woman dead inside the restaurant, as well as two other men who were injured but have since recovered.

Tina Kong, 21, of Nanaimo,

B.C., and Kevin Sam Bath Ses, 21, of Calgary were killed in the shooting.

Footage of two men, who are considered persons of interest, was captured at a convenience store near the crime scene around the same time as the homicides.

While the surveillance footage was gathered at the time of the homicide, Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said they've recently received new information that has allowed them to put the footage into context.

"There's more information that's come to our investigation from the public that has got us to this point where ... we would really like to identify these two people," said Miller.

Police have determined the deaths are related to a long-standing feud between two Calgary gangs.

Those with information about the men in the surveillance video are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Oilsands. Fracking blowout leaves field tainted

A well blowout that spewed nearly 500 barrels of oil and water onto a central Alberta field last January was caused by a company fracking a well too close to an adjacent one.

But no penalties will result because the blowout didn't contravene any regulations, Darin Barter, spokesman for the Energy Resources Conservation Board, said Wednesday.

"There weren't any specific regulations. We require companies to operate safely, but regarding this one, (a rule) wasn't in place at the time."

The board has drafted new rules to cover such situations. The proposed regulations are now being reviewed.

Midway Energy didn't follow its own guidelines when it began pumping high-pressure fluids underground Jan. 13 near Innisfail in an attempt to release oil deposits.

"Midway did not conduct the fracturing operation in compliance with its own internal procedures," concluded the board's investigation.

The result was a geyser of oil, natural gas, process water and fracking fluids from an adjacent well owned by Wild Stream Exploration. The mixture tainted the field and left a thin film on nearby trees.

The board found both wells were targeting the same formation about 1,800 metres underground.

Midway's internal guidelines say its drill hole should have been at least 135 metres from any other well. At their closest point, the two well bores were 129 metres apart.

As a result, pressure from the Midway well blew fluids up the Wild Stream bore hole.

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Const. Hilary Jennings teamed up with Aleena Dung to get her Christmas shopping done on Wednesday.

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Cops and lucky few students shop till they drop at mall

CopShop. Teenagers get \$200 to spend on themselves, along with a chance to get acquainted with a Calgary police officer

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While Aleena Dung's classmates wrote a test, she worked on her shopping skills at Marlborough Mall.

Dung was one of 27 junior-high students who took part in this year's CopShop for kids on Wednesday. Each student received a \$200 mall gift card and the chance to go shopping with a member of the Calgary police.

"Usually you're quite scared of a police officer be-

CopShop 101

- Students began their day with a tour of the Calgary Police Service District 4 office.
- Nine different junior high schools sent three kids each to participate in CopShop.
- This is the seventh year for CopShop in Calgary.
- CopShop began in 2009 in Halifax and has since spread across the country.

cause you think something is wrong," Dung said. "But when we do this, I get a chance to see another side of them."

Students were chosen for the program based on

academic or sports achievement and contributions to the community. Some students were also chosen because of financial need.

Const. Hilary Jennings was Dung's shopping partner for the day. Jennings enjoys *CopShop* because it breaks down the barrier between young adults and police.

"I also think it's something good to do at Christmas time. It gives us a chance to give back to the community," Jennings said.

Senior Const. Amanda Hill helped organize Cop-Shop. She hopes that by showing that cops are people too, students will grow up with more trust in officers.

"It's so exciting for the kids," Hill said. "They get \$200 and they get to spend it on themselves and reward themselves for making really good choices."

The advertisement features a large Chevrolet bowtie logo at the top left, followed by the text 'CHEVROLET' and 'BOXING DAYS' in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. Below this, a section for the '2012 CRUZE LS AIR & AUTO' is shown with a financing offer: 'OWN IT FOR \$98 AT 0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS*'. The background is a light blue with white snowflake patterns. To the right, a red Chevrolet Cruze is displayed. Above the car, a large blue hexagon with a torn paper effect contains the text '0% FINANCING FOR UP TO 84 MONTHS ON SELECT MODELS'. At the bottom, the website 'ALBERTACHEVROLET.COM' is prominently displayed, along with a QR code and the text 'SCAN HERE TO FIND YOURS'. The GM logo is in the bottom left corner.

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Dignitaries, tourists and Parisians gathered in the thousands Wednesday for a ceremony and Mass marking the beginning of the yearlong

A celestial courtship

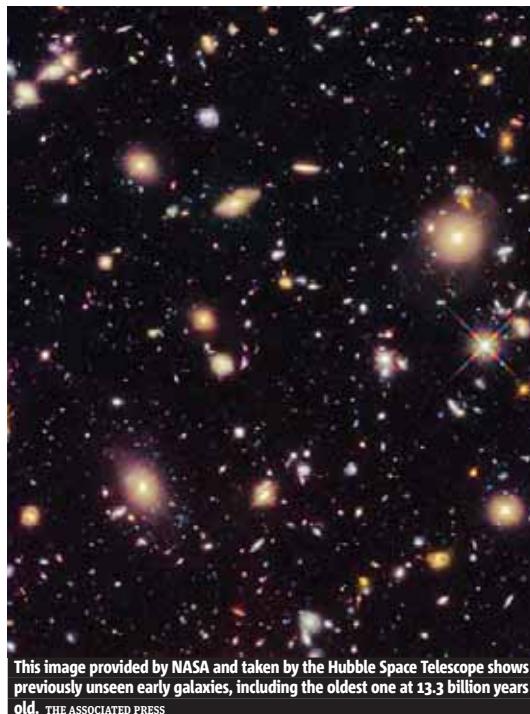
- Texas and Florida are developing their own spaceports and aggressively courting space businesses.
- Virgin Galactic has entered a deal with an investment group to build another spaceport in Abu Dhabi.

the company — which has yet to post a deposit for what is supposed to be a \$1-million-a-year lease — could walk away from the quarter-billion-dollar project. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

commemoration of Notre Dame Cathedral's 850th anniversary.

The 12th-century Gothic cathedral looming over the French capital will get a set of new bells in February, one of the highlights of a year's worth of planned events including seminars and concerts of sacred music. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Distant galaxy retakes its title of oldest in universe



This image provided by NASA and taken by the Hubble Space Telescope shows previously unseen early galaxies, including the oldest one at 13.3 billion years old. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hubble's big find.
New photos reveal distant cluster of blue stars believed to be 13.3 billion years old

A galaxy once considered the oldest has reclaimed its title, scientists reported Wednesday.

Poring through Hubble Space Telescope photos, the team recalculated the galaxy's age and determined it is actually 13.3 billion years old — not a mere 13.2 billion.

The dim galaxy filled with blue stars was first noticed last year by a different group of researchers, who also used the workhorse telescope to make

True beginnings

"We want to know our cosmic roots, how things got started and the origins of the galaxies."
Harvard University astrophysicist Avi Loeb reacts to new telescope images of space

the previous age estimate. It reigned as the most ancient galaxy observed until last month when it was knocked off its perch by another distant galaxy.

Now it's back on top after the team used a longer exposure time to get a clearer view.

Besides refining the galaxy's age, they found half a dozen new early ones. Scientists are excited about the bounty of early galaxies, which should help refine theories about the formation of the first stars.

Astronomers think galaxies started appearing after the Big Bang, the explosion believed to have created the universe 13.7 billion years ago. Our Milky Way — one of hundreds of billions of galaxies — formed about 10 billion years ago.

Launched in 1990, the Hubble Telescope has consistently peered back in time to reveal ancient and distant objects.

As far back as Hubble can see, it still can't capture the earliest galaxies. That job is left to its more powerful successor, the James Webb Telescope, to be launched in 2018.

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Dad who killed his children freed

A father who stabbed his children to death will be a free man, less than four years later.

Guy Turcotte has been granted his release, with conditions, from a psychiatric institution. The cardiologist had been found not criminally responsible for killing his two children and, since last year's court verdict, he had been in Montreal's Pinel institute.

His case provoked a torrent of outrage in Quebec, where Turcotte is a household

name.

He had admitted to stabbing his young children 46 times but said he didn't remember doing it, hadn't wanted to do it and had been experiencing blackouts on the night of the killings.

He said he was distraught over the breakup of his marriage. His wife had left him for family friend who was her personal trainer.

Turcotte's release was unanimously approved today by a three-member panel.

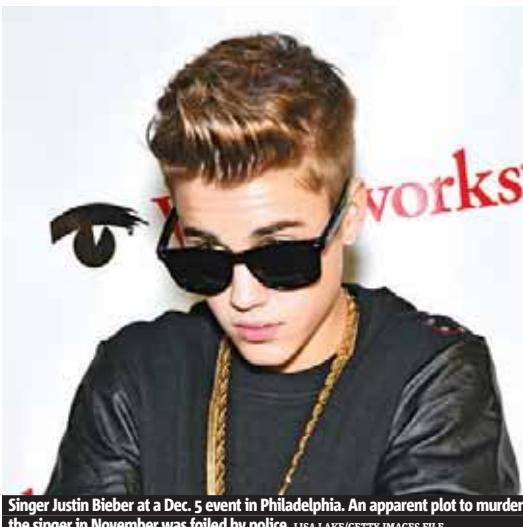
He will have to get annual mental-health checkups, continue his therapy, stay out of trouble and avoid all contact with his ex-wife. But his legal woes are not over yet: The Crown has filed to appeal the 2011 court verdict.

The Tories plan to introduce a bill in the House of Commons early next year that would make the safety of the public the paramount factor for review boards that determine an offender's release.

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Criminal code plans

Several cases like Turcotte's, including the 2008 bus-beheading in Manitoba and the Schoenborn child-killings in B.C., have prompted a federal policy change. The Harper government plans to make it more difficult for mentally ill offenders found not criminally responsible to be released from custody.



Singer Justin Bieber at a Dec. 5 event in Philadelphia. An apparent plot to murder the singer in November was foiled by police. LISA LAKE/GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Alleged plot to murder Justin Bieber thwarted

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Warning: This story contains graphic details

A police affidavit alleges that two prison inmates and a nephew were hatching a plot to murder Bieber and his director of security while the singer was in New York for shows on Nov. 28 and 29.

Details of the grisly plan — which involved strangling two other victims with a paisley tie and then castrating them — were revealed Wednesday in an affidavit for arrest obtained by New Mexico State Police.

But the plot may have been thwarted by a missed highway exit and a pair of recorded phone calls between an inmate and one of the accused.

According to the affidavit, the plan was hatched behind bars after inmate Dana Martin was transferred from a Florida prison to the Southern New Mexico Corrections Facility in April.

Martin, 45, serving a life sentence for the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in Vermont, was reportedly obsessed with Bieber. He had written him letters and even had a tattoo of the singer on his leg.

He allegedly recruited Mark Aaron Staake, 41, a fellow inmate at the time, after Staake noticed the tattoo on his leg. The plan was to kill four people in two states, with Bieber as the main target.

Oddly, the details were spilled on Nov. 20, when Martin asked to speak to police, telling them Staake (who had been released on probation on Oct. 22) and his nephew, Tanner Ruan, 23, had been planning to commit the first two murders — neither of them Bieber. New Mexico police declined to identify those intended victims.

Martin is serving consecutive life sentences for murders committed in 2000. The strangulation murder of the 15-year-old girl was a "case of jealousy," police told The Associated Press. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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PSY performs onstage during the Y100's Jingle Ball 2012 at the BB&T Center on Saturday in Miami.

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Gangnam Style a top trending item for Google in 2012

Zeitgeist. Whitney Houston, Superstorm Sandy, iPad 3 and Kate Middleton round out year-end list of high-traffic searches

The world's attention wavered between the tragic and the silly in 2012, and along the way, millions of people searched the web to find out about a royal princess, the latest iPad, and a record-breaking skydiver.

Whitney Houston was the "top trending" search of the year, according to Google Inc.'s year-end "zeitgeist" report. Google's 12th annual roundup is "an in-depth look at the spirit of the times as seen through the billions of searches on Google over the past year," the company said in a blog post Wednesday.

People around the globe searched en masse for news

What do you meme?

Facebook and Yahoo's top trending ideas or phrases (popularly known as "memes") include:

- **YOLO.** It means "You Only Live Once"—used both sincerely and ironically.
- **Binders full of women.** Mitt Romney's awkward description of his search for female cabinet members.

about Houston's accidental drowning in a bathtub just before she was to perform at a pre-Grammy Awards party in February.

Google defines topics as "trending" when they garner a high amount of traffic over a sustained period of time.

Korean rapper PSY's Gangnam Style music video trotted

into second spot, a testament to his self-deprecating giddy-up dance move. The video is approaching a billion views on YouTube.

Superstorm Sandy, the damaging storm that knocked out power and flooded parts of the East Coast in the midst of a U.S. presidential campaign, was third.

The next biggest trending searches globally were a pair of threes: the iPad 3 tablet from Apple Inc. and Diablo 3, a popular video game.

Rounding out the Top 10 were Kate Middleton, who made news with scandalous photos and a royal pregnancy; the 2012 Olympics in London; Amanda Todd, a Canadian teen who was found dead of an apparent suicide in October after being bullied online; Michael Clarke Duncan, the Green Mile actor who died of a heart attack in September at age 54; and "BBB12," the 12th edition of "Big Brother Brasil."

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Dead people 'liking' Facebook sites

A veteran web developer has documented cases of dead people mysteriously "liking" a Facebook site.

Bernard Meisler, who is also an author and educator, tracked down a vegetarian who "liked" McDonald's and a Facebook user without a car who "liked" Subaru.

Facebook recycles "likes" of people alive and dead so

yours can pop up at any time unless you act to block them, a Facebook spokeswoman told Torstar News Service.

Meisler had become suspicious when non-English speakers started "liking" the Facebook page for his English-language arts magazine Sensitive Skin.

"This was suboptimal—not to mention extremely

weird—for a literary magazine written in English," Meisler wrote Wednesday in an article on the tech website ReadWrite.com.

Two friends were outraged to find posthumous Facebook "likes" for people they knew. In one, a man who hated big corporations had "liked" Discover six months after he died. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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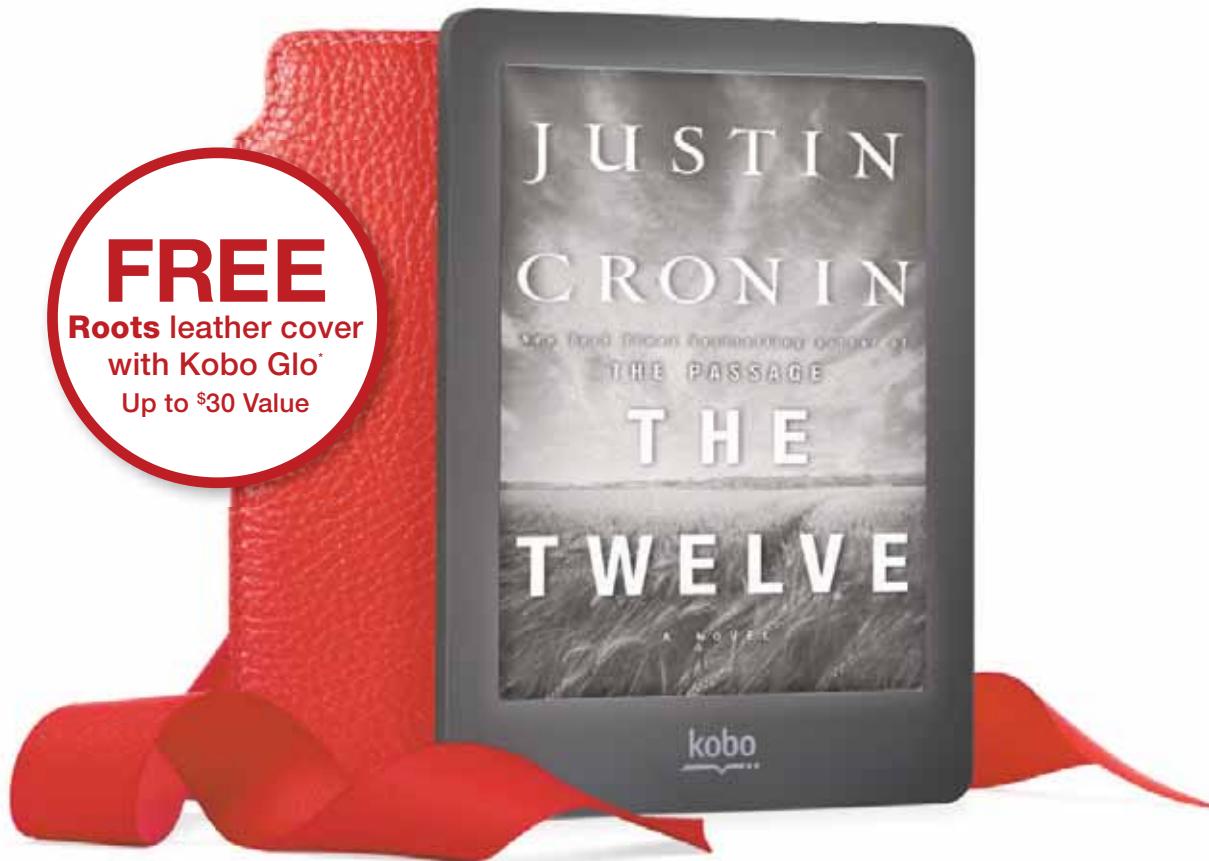
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Jury sees gory scenes in trial of Que. filmmaker

Graphic. The violent, sexually explicit works were based on a serial-killer character Remy Couture created and portrayed

The jury hearing the trial of a Quebec special-effects artist charged with corrupting morals has had a chance to see his handiwork on Wednesday.

Remy Couture, a horror filmmaker and makeup artist, is charged with corrupting morals through the distribution, possession and production of obscene materials in a case that explores the boundaries of artistic expression.

The seven-woman, five-man jury silently watched hundreds of photos and a pair of videos that depict gruesome murders, torture, assaults and necrophilia — all with young female victims.

The jury is tasked with deciding whether the material in question is obscene and dangerous enough to actually incite people to act out what they see, as the Crown con-



Special-effects filmmaker Remy Couture

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tends.

Couture argues his work has artistic value and the state's interference amounts to an infringement of his right to free expression.

The jury asked for the court to speed up the process of viewing the photos Wednesday. The judge approved the request. The photos were originally being shown for about 10 seconds each, but were eventually switched roughly every five.

The images appeared on a website Couture hosted, dubbed "Inner Depravity." The violent, sexually explicit, horror-inspired works were based on a serial-killer character Couture created and portrayed.

There was some debate Wednesday over whether the site offered a viewer warning.

The Crown and Montreal police said they didn't find any sort of warning while examining the contents on the website.

But the defence introduced its own evidence showing there was a warning — one that clearly stated there was graphic content on the site, that no one was harmed in the creation of the work and that the site was dedicated to horror and special effects.

Couture's trial got underway Monday with jury selection and two weeks have been set aside to hear evidence.

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Basketball team beats opponent 107-2

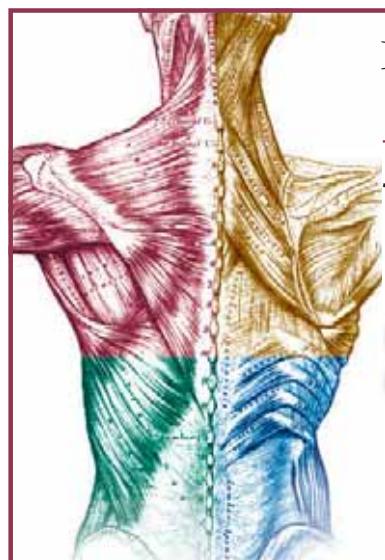
An Indiana high school girls basketball team routed an opponent 107-2 this week, prompting an official with the state prep sports association to say he never wants to see anything so one-sided again.

Bloomington South coach Larry Winters told the Indianapolis Star there was no effort to embarrass Arlington or run up the score during Tuesday's game.

He says he played all nine of his players and didn't

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Child advocate: Rehab mom was treated unfairly

Saskatchewan. Social Services taken to task over child-welfare case

Saskatchewan's children's advocate says two kids and their rehabilitated mother were not treated fairly by the child-welfare system.

Bob Pringle said it was correct for Social Services to take the boy and girl from their mother, who was a drug addict and prostitute.

Pringle also said ministry staff initially took the right steps to reunite the family by working with the mother to help her get better.

But he said those efforts stopped when the ministry sought permanent wardship of the kids in 2008 — even though policy says it should have continued.

That was unfair to both the mother and her children and something that needs to be acknowledged by the system, he said.

Pringle launched a rare administrative fairness investigation into the case in January after a court decision garnered media attention.

Last fall, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Geoffrey Dufour scolded the province's child-welfare system for ignoring court orders to arrange regular visits between the children and their mother. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pringle's report

- In April 2009, the mother told the ministry that she was addressing her health needs and completed two addiction-treatment programs.
- Social Services could have withdrawn the application for the permanent wardship, and deciding not to do so was unfair to the children, Pringle wrote.



A big royal presence under the Christmas tree

Princess Charlene and Prince Albert II of Monaco attend the Christmas Celebration for children on Wednesday in Monaco. The princess and prince handed out hundreds of gifts to the eager children. **PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES**

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UN war crimes tribunal convicts Bosnian Serb officer of genocide

Srebrenica massacre.

'Right hand' of Ratko Mladic found guilty of having lead role in 1995 murder of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys

A UN war crimes court convicted a former senior Bosnian Serb army commander Wednesday of genocide for playing a key role in Europe's worst massacre since the Second World War, and sentenced him to life imprisonment, delivering another measure of justice to survivors still hunting for the remains of their husbands and sons.

In a majority ruling, a three-judge panel at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal said Gen. Zdravko Tolimir was the "right hand" of Bosnian Serb military chief Gen. Ratko Mladic, who is considered the

Quote

"This is what we expected, and we feel better now. We hope the court will continue to conduct fair trials."

Srebrenica widow Rejha Avdic, 50, who lost her husband in the massacre.

chief architect of the murder of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys at the Srebrenica enclave in eastern Bosnia in July 1995.

"The accused not only had knowledge of genocidal intent of others but also possessed it himself," Presiding Judge Christoph Fluegge said. "He is therefore responsible for the crime of genocide."

Women who lost their menfolk in the massacre travelled to The Hague to watch the judgment and were pleased with the latest conviction.



In this photo taken Tuesday, survivors of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre hold photographs of male relatives who were killed, during a gathering in the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla, 149 kilometres north of Sarajevo. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1995

Bosnian Serb forces overran Srebrenica in 1995.

- UN. The presence of Dutch United Nations peacekeepers who were outgunned, outnumbered and who put up virtually no resistance did not deter the Bosnian Serbs. They later took over another UN-protected enclave in the nearby town of Zepa.

- Massacre. Women were bused away from the area before the Muslim men and boys were rounded up, taken to remote locations around the town and executed. Their bodies were then plowed into mass graves.

Egyptian Coptic blogger gets 3 years for blasphemy

A Cairo court on Wednesday convicted a Coptic Christian blogger who shared an anti-Islam film on social networking sites, and sentenced him to three years in prison for blasphemy and contempt of religion.

The case of Alber Saber is one of several seen by rights advocates as a campaign led by Egypt's ultra-conservative Islamists to curb free expres-

sion. Many of those targeted in the campaign are Christians, who make up about 10 per cent of Egypt's population of 85 million.

Saber was arrested Sept. 13 after neighbours complained he had shared on Facebook the amateur film made in the U.S. that sparked protests across the Muslim world. His arrest came during a wave of public outrage over the film, pro-

duced by an Egyptian-American Copt.

At the time, an angry mob surrounded Saber's house, calling for his death and accusing him of heresy, atheism and of promoting the Innocence of Muslims — the

short film that portrays the Prophet Mohammed as a fraud, womanizer and buffoon.

Saber's verdict comes as Egypt has been plunged into a political crisis over a draft constitution. Islamist supporters say the charter is a step toward stability while critics warn it will open the door to increased suppression of freedom in the name of religion.

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Other convictions

- Last month, another Egyptian court convicted in absentia seven other Coptic Christians and a Florida-based pastor, sentencing them to death on charges linked to the Innocence of Muslims video.

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Intactivism. Germany clears up uncertainty around circumcision

German lawmakers approved a bill Wednesday that explicitly permits male-infant circumcision, ending months of uncertainty after a court ruling that the practice amounts to bodily harm led to an outcry from Jewish and Muslim groups.

Germany's government moved swiftly to draft a law following the Cologne regional court decision in June. The ruling didn't amount to a ban but raised fears of possible prosecutions.

Dieter Graumann, head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, expressed relief at the vote, which passed with 434 lawmakers in favour, 100 against and 46 abstaining.

Proponents of the law noted that failure to protect circumcision would have



Orthodox Jews attend a meeting of Parliament in Berlin, Wednesday.
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risked making Germany the only country in the world to ban the practice.

Critics of circumcision argue that the right of the child to bodily integrity trumps a parent's right to make a decision on his behalf.

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Espionage. British navy officer sentenced after MI5 sting operation

A Royal Navy petty officer who worked on nuclear submarines was sentenced to eight years in prison Wednesday for passing secrets to British agents impersonating Russian spies.

Edward Devenney, 30, was arrested in March after a sting operation headed by Britain's MI5. He pleaded guilty last month to breaching the Official Secrets Act.

"I have brought great shame to my family, loved ones and the submarine service," said Devenney, from Northern Ireland.

Lawyers said a series of personal blows preceded Deven-

Et tu, Devenney?

"This was a classic story of betrayal."

Mari Reid of the Crown Prosecution Service's counterterrorism unit

ney's betrayal. He had been accused but cleared of rape, was depressed and had been drinking heavily.

Prosecutor Mark Dennis also said Devenney had lost out on a promotion due to budget cuts and had been warned about excessive work absences.

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Mothers and children leave school as a sign prohibiting the use of marijuana in the area is seen in Amsterdam. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amsterdam to ban pot at school

Explicit legislation: My anti-drug.

Schools found it hard to enforce their own rules without clear law

Amsterdam's mayor said Wednesday he would formally ban students from smoking marijuana at school, making the Dutch capital the first city in the Netherlands to do so.

Eberhard van der Laan's introduction of a law that in other countries either

Extracurricular activities

"It's not really what you have in mind as an educator, that children would be turning up for class stoned."

Amsterdam city spokesperson Iris Reshef

already exists or seems so obvious it wouldn't require a rule is the result of the Netherlands' unique drugs policy. Under the "tolerance" principle, marijuana is technically illegal, but police can't prosecute people for possession of small amounts.

That's the loophole that made possible Amsterdam's famed "coffee shops" — cafés where marijuana is sold openly. But it has also had the unwanted side effect that Dutch children are frequently exposed to the drug in public areas.

City spokeswoman Iris

Reshef says schools have always forbidden pot but found it difficult to enforce the policy when students smoked on or near campus and challenged administrators to do anything about it.

After a change in national law, the city will now be able to declare as of Jan. 1 "no-toking zones" — areas like schools and playgrounds where weed-smoking is forbidden — under a public-nuisance ordinance. Police can then levy fines against students or anybody else who flouts the rules.

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Tories swallow a 'reset' pill to cure that F-35 headache



That F-35 headache just won't go away. Defence Minister Peter MacKay takes part in a Parliament Hill news conference on the controversial fighter jets on Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombshell report.

Government will review the whole deal amid warnings costs could soar to \$45.8 billion over 42 years

The Harper government has "hit the reset button" in the F-35 mess.

A bombshell report has exposed the cascading multibillion-dollar cost of the stealth aircraft.

The long-awaited KPMG report warns the Lockheed Martin-built F-35s could cost Canada as much as \$45.8 billion over 42 years.

The report says National Defence neglected to build a large enough financial cushion.

Numbers game

65

The number of jets in the government's planned F-35 purchase. But the soaring costs may force a reduction to 55 planes.

ion into the plan to replace Canada's aging fighter fleet.

And the paltry-by-comparison \$9 billion the department set aside likely won't be enough to cover the planned purchase of 65 jets.

Now the entire process will be reviewed, Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose said Wednesday.

"The next step is a full review of options," Ambrose told a news conference.

"We have hit the reset button and are taking the time to do a complete assessment of all available options."

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the government will ensure "that balance is maintained between the military needs and taxpayer interests."

The NDP's critics were unmoved, insisting the government was steadfastly refusing to admit the whole process has been fumbled.

"You can't move on, you can't move forward until you've admitted that you've got a problem and that you've made mistakes," said Matthew Kellway, the party's procurement critic.

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N. Korea flies high over rocket, but UN brings it down to earth

Rocket-happy North Korea got an unhappy response on Wednesday from the United Nations Security Council.

It condemned the North Koreans' successful rocket launch and said it will urgently consider "an appropriate response."

But whether that response includes new sanctions against the North — which the U.S. and its European allies are seeking — depends first and foremost on China, the North's closest ally.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said in Beijing the council's response should be "prudent."

Quoted

"(The launch) constitutes a very dangerous challenge to ... the security situation in the Korean peninsula and northeast Asia."

Kim Sook, South Korea's UN ambassador

and moderate and conducive to maintaining stability and avoiding escalation of the situation."

The Security Council said the launch violates Security Council resolutions adopted after North Korea's nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009.

Secretive North Korea also broke a ban on "any launch using ballistic missile technology," it complained.

"Members of the Security Council will continue consultation on an appropriate response ... given the urgency of the matter," the council statement said.

The successful rocket launch is widely seen as a test that takes North Korea one step closer to being capable of sending a nuclear-tipped warhead as far as California.

North Korea officials say the rocket is meant to send a satellite into orbit to study crops and weather patterns, and Pyongyang maintains its right to develop a civilian space program.

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The flames of anger burn in South Korea over the North's rocket launch. In Seoul, protesters burn a mock rocket only to see police move in with fire extinguishers. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cash or death

Skype scam almost pays off

Police are warning people to be on guard against fraudsters using Skype.

Kingston police say a resident got a Skype video call from a man identifying himself as a doctor held prisoner in Syria.

The supposed doctor said if \$2,500 was not transferred to a Western Union office in Lebanon, he would be beheaded. The victim wired funds — but later contacted police and stopped the transfer.

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Nuclear impasse

Iran pressured on two fronts

A UN inspection team Wednesday pressured Iran to allow it to visit Parchin, a site it suspects may have been used for nuclear weapons experiments.

And European Union negotiators pushed for a new meeting with the Iranians in a bid to achieve a diplomatic solution to the nuclear impasse.

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And now – the Pope will tweet

Social media.

Papal Twitter account reaches massive following in eight languages, has been subject of curiosity, criticism and jokes

Pope Benedict XVI hit the milestone of amassing one million Twitter followers on Wednesday as he sent his first tweet from his new account, blessing his online fans and urging them to listen to Christ.

In perhaps the most drawn-out Twitter launch ever, the 85-year-old Benedict tapped the screen of a tablet brought to him at the end of his general audience after the equivalent of a papal drum roll by an announcer who intoned: "And now the pope will tweet!"

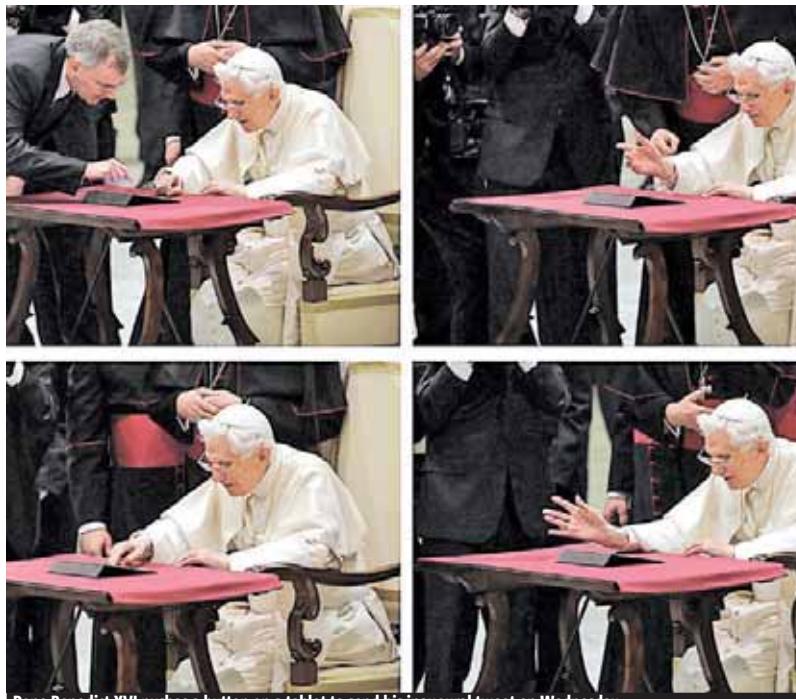
"Dear friends, I am pleased

to get in touch with you through Twitter. Thank you for your generous response. I bless all of you from my heart," the inaugural tweet read.

At around the same time the message was sent, the number of followers of Benedict's @Pontifex accounts surpassed the one million mark, with all eight languages of the pope's account combined.

While the @Pontifex English account remains the most popular, nearing 800,000 followers, the pope is tweeting simultaneously in Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, Polish and Arabic. Each language has its own handle, though they're all the pope's account: @Pontifex-es for Spanish, for example, @Pontifex-it for Italian, @Pontifex-fr for French, and so on.

The first papal tweet has been the subject of intense curiosity — as well as merciless jokes, criticism and com-



Pope Benedict XVI pushes a button on a tablet to send his inaugural tweet on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

mentary. "The pope has an iPad?" comedian Jon Stewart asked this year. The Onion satirical newspaper ran a piece titled "Pope tweets picture of self with God." And in perhaps a more long-term and problematic issue for the Vatican, the @Pontifex handle was

flooded with negative messages from users remarking on the clerical sex-abuse scandal.

Vatican officials have said they expected such negativity, but that is a risk they take by putting the Catholic Church's message out.

"These are already all

over the Internet, in newspapers, in so many forms of expression," the Rev. Antonio Spadaro, editor of the Jesuit magazine Civiltà Cattolica, told Vatican Radio this week. "They form part of ordinary communication."

Benedict in fact sent his

The 'Twitterati'

Pope Benedict XVI hit the mark of one million Twitter followers on Wednesday. In amassing an army of followers, the pontiff joined an elite circle of prolific tweeters.

- **@LadyGaga**
The pop icon's account ranks as Twitter's most followed, reaching 32 million followers.

- **@BarackObama**
The U.S. president's Twitter feed is run by the Obama campaign and has 24.4 million followers.

- **@KAKA**
The Brazilian football superstar was the first athlete to amass 10 million followers.

- **@DalaiLama**
The 77-year-old Dalai Lama has amassed 5.7 million followers.

first tweet more than a year ago, using a generic Vatican account to launch the Holy See's news information portal. Someone in his name tweeted daily during Lent, part of efforts to increase the church presence in social media.

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Race. U.S. census predicts historic shift in demographics by 2043

White people will no longer make up a majority of Americans by 2043, new census projections suggest. That's part of a historic shift that already is reshaping U.S. schools, its workforce and electorate, and is redefining long-held notions of race.

The official projection, released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau, now places the tipping point for the white majority a year later than previous estimates, which were made before the impact of the recent economic downturn

was fully known.

The United States continues to grow and become more diverse due to higher birth rates among minorities, particularly for Hispanics who entered the U.S. at the height of the immigration boom in the 1990s and early 2000s. Since the mid-2000 housing bust, however, the arrival of millions of immigrants from Mexico and other nations has slowed from its once-torrid pace.

By 2060, multiracial people are projected to more than triple. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New York

Mayor takes second look at pedicab plan

Mayor Michael Bloomberg hit the brakes Wednesday on a proposal to keep tourist-toting pedicabs from charging confusing, sometimes exorbitant rates.

The plan — the latest in a series of attempts to regulate the tricycle taxis in

recent years — was up for Bloomberg to consider signing on Wednesday. But after a pedicab driver complained that the city was unfair to the pedal-powered cabs, Bloomberg said he wanted "to find out a little more" about the plan. He said he'd announce Friday whether he'll sign the measure.

About 700 pedicabs now ply city streets, the New York City Pedicab Owners' Association says.

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In the belly of the whale: Here's what belugas eat

Arctic mysteries.

Canadian scientists learn that the Beaufort Sea is rich in 'huge concentrations' of cod

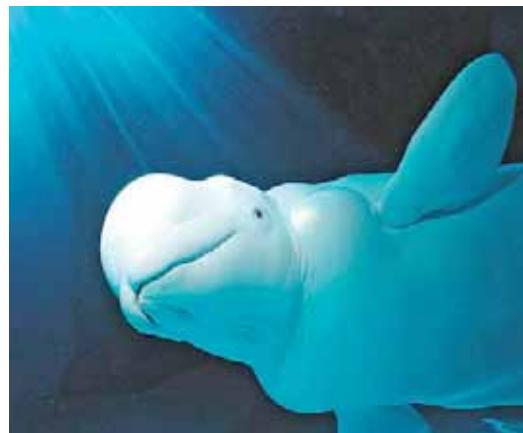
What do you serve 25,000 beluga whales who drop in for a summer picnic?

The first fish survey of Canada's icy Beaufort Sea has finally figured it out.

"Those whales have to eat something," said Jim Reist, a Department of Fisheries and Oceans biologist who presented some early findings from the survey at a conference of Arctic scientists in Vancouver this week.

Every summer, the whales converge in the Canadian part of the Beaufort Sea. They come to calve and shed their old skin in the shallow coastline waters and river estuaries of the Northwest Territories. They also make up an important food source for the local Inuvialuit.

Science has never fully



Each summer, beluga whales converge on the Canadian part of the Beaufort Sea. Until now, their eating habits were unknown. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

understood what made up the food source for the whales. Until now.

Reist and his fellow scientists cruised the seas last summer aboard the fisheries vessel Frosti as part of the Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment.

Initiated to help develop regulations for any future offshore re-

source development, the assessment was the first time scientists took a look at what was in the water beyond the first two hundred metres from shore.

The scientists realized that the Beaufort is in fact a layer cake of sea water with various temperatures and salinity. At about 200 metres

down, water originating in the Pacific Ocean begins to give way to colder, saltier water coming from the Atlantic.

"It's a mixing zone," Reist said. "It provides the larder for one of the key species in the area — the Arctic cod, a small fish but a very pivotal one."

Team members found the cod in "huge concentrations." They also found the answer to what the beluga have been eating.

Although data about the size of the fish population is still being analyzed, Reist said calculations suggest it would take millions and millions of the 12-centimetre-long fish to support the area's beluga and seal numbers.

"The findings are pretty impressive," he said.

This basic link in the Arctic food web has been a mystery until now, and shows how much remains to be known about the Beaufort. Reist said the cruise also found at least six species of fish that no one knew were there.

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Allegations against Savile 'unprecedented'

199 crimes suspected.

Police publish update on sexual-abuse claims against BBC presenter

The late BBC entertainer Jimmy Savile is a suspect in 199 crimes recorded so far, including dozens of cases of rape, British police said Wednesday. They described the level of sexual-abuse allegations against Savile as "unprecedented in the U.K."

The accusations against Savile, who died last year at age 84, grew after five women said during a TV program broadcast in October that they'd been sexually abused by the presenter. The claims triggered a scandal that rocked the BBC, which has been accused of failing to report allegations against Savile while making shows praising him.

Police said they are putting together a report on Savile's activities based on the alleged victims' evidence, expected to be published early next year. On Wednesday, police published an update on the probe.

Most of those people who



In this 1986 photo, Jimmy Savile, right, poses with a wax model at Madame Tussauds museum in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

came forward were women who alleged sexual abuse when they were young, police said.

A broader police investigation into sex abuse spurred by the claims against Savile has so far detained seven suspects for questioning. They included former pop star Gary Glitter, 68, whose real name is Paul Gadd, and well-known publicist Max Clifford.

No criminal charges have been filed.

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The allegations

- 199 crimes have been recorded in 17 police jurisdictions.
- 31 rape allegations have been recorded.
- 450 people have come forward with information, mainly alleging sexual abuse.

Argentina. Sex-slavery acquittals spur protest

The acquittal of 13 people accused of kidnapping a young mother and forcing her to work for years as a sex slave spread shock and outrage across Argentina on Wednesday, prompting street protests and calls by political leaders to impeach the three judges who delivered the verdict.

Many called the ruling a setback for Argentina's efforts to combat sex trafficking, which began largely as a result of Susana Trimarco's one-woman, decade-long quest to find her missing daughter, "Marita" Veron. Her lawyers said they would pursue appeals.

Trimarco's search exposed an underworld of organized-crime figures who operate brothels with protection from authorities across Argentina.

Security Minister Nilda Garre called the verdict "a tremendous slap in the face for the prospect of justice."

It "made society feel deeply the drama of this kind of 21st-century slavery, covered up for decades by the customs of a network of machista culture," she said, and "renders invisible the suffering of the victims of human-trafficking networks and sexual exploitation."

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A demonstrator, wearing a T-shirt that reads "We are not your prostitutes," stands in protest of the acquittal of 13 people accused in the disappearance of Marita Veron in Buenos Aires, Wednesday. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. border

Three arrested on child-porn charges

Canadian border officials stopped three men with what was believed to be child pornography in separate incidents at air, sea and land B.C. border crossings. The first arrest was made Dec. 2, when guards discovered a laptop with illegal images, on a marine vessel. Dec. 5, a man was stopped at the airport and his laptop, phones and flash drives were seized. Later that day, a third man was arrested on a bus with suspected child-exploitation images on his laptop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big bust

Woman arrested for coke implants

Spanish authorities say they have arrested a Panamanian woman arriving at Barcelona airport with 1.38 kilograms of cocaine concealed in breast implants. The Interior Ministry said border police noticed fresh scars and blood-stained gauze on her chest as well as pale patches beneath her skin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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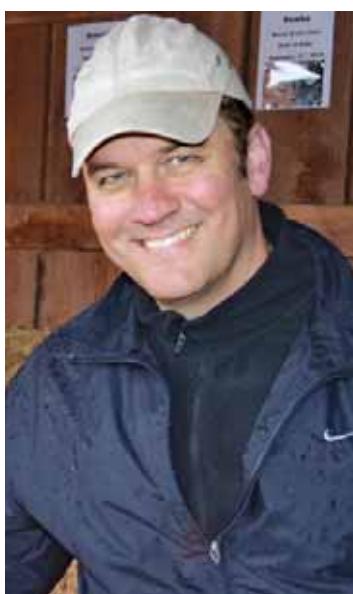
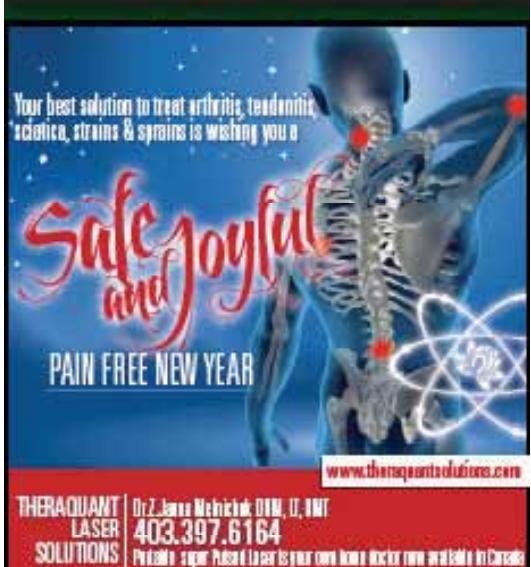
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The photo in the centre shows Jacob Tyler Roberts, the man behind a shooting at an Oregon Mall on Tuesday. Roberts killed two people and himself in the rampage. The photos on the left and right are victims Cindy Ann Yuille, 54, of Portland, Ore., and Steven Mathew Forsyth, 45, of West Linn, Ore. Another victim, Kristina Shevchenko, not shown, was wounded and is in serious condition. CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mall shooter, 22, used stolen rifle: Officials

Oregon slayings.

Police say the weapon jammed, preventing more deaths

The hockey-mask-wearing gunman who killed two people and himself in a shooting rampage at a U.S. mall deep into the Christmas shopping season was 22 and used a stolen rifle from someone he knew, authorities said Wednesday.

Authorities said the death toll could have been worse: The rifle jammed and mall employees had been trained for the possibility of a mass shooting.

Jacob Tyler Roberts had armed himself with an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle and had

Gruesome scene

"I saw a gentleman face down, obviously shot in the head.... A lot of blood. You could tell there was nothing you could do for him."

Witness Jason DeCosta

several fully loaded magazines when he walked briskly into an Oregon mall on Tuesday afternoon and started firing at random, said Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts.

The gunman then fled into a back hallway, down stairs and into a corner, where police found him dead from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot, authorities said.

The sheriff said authorities didn't yet have a motive.

Employees at the mall had been trained to run, hide,

lock down and evacuate. Since previous mass shootings in the U.S., the first arriving police officers were trained to form teams and go inside instead of waiting for specialty teams.

A law-enforcement official told The Associated Press the shooter did not have a criminal record. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss details of an ongoing criminal investigation.

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Timeline

The shooting began when a masked man announced, "I am the shooter," said witness Austin Patty, 20.

- The mall Santa, Brance Wilson, said he heard gunshots and dove for the floor as Christmas music played.
- Witnesses said Roberts fired several times near the mall food court before running into Macy's.
- The first emergency call came at 3:29 p.m. Officers arrived a minute later. By 3:51 p.m., the victims and gunman had been found.

Etan Patz. Man charged in decades-old murder case retracts confession

The man charged with killing a six-year-old New York City boy in 1979 pleaded not guilty Wednesday to murder, even though police say he confessed in the sensational case that spawned the nationwide movement to publicize cases of missing children. Lawyers for the defendant say he made a false admission due to mental problems.

Fifty-one-year-old Pedro Hernandez wore a grey sweatshirt and answered "not guilty" at the hearing in the notorious

case of Etan Patz.

The boy disappeared on his way to school on May 25, 1979, leading to an intensive search and garnering huge publicity. His photo was among the first put on milk cartons across the U.S., and his case turned May 25 into National Missing Children's Day.

"My client had no motive and no history," defense attorney Harvey Fishbein said outside court. "There is no crime scene. There are no witnesses."

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Inclusion. University of Iowa allows applicants to list sexual orientation

The University of Iowa has become the first public U.S. university to include optional questions about sexual orientation and gender identity on its application, a move hailed Wednesday by advocates hoping to improve the college experience for gays and lesbians.

University officials say the move sends a strong signal that they value the diversity that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students bring to campus. They say that know-

ing some students' sexual orientation will allow them to track their enrolment and graduation rates and promote housing, student groups and programs that might improve their social and academic success.

Elmhurst College, a private school in Chicago, became the first — and is still the only other — college to do the same.

"This is a question whose time had come," university admissions director Michael Barron said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Monks rally to demand apology after crackdown

Myanmar. Nationwide protest sparked by use of tear gas, smoke bombs to break up occupation of mine

Buddhist monks across Myanmar peacefully demonstrated on Wednesday to demand a formal apology from the government for its recent crackdown on protesters at a copper mine that injured more than 100 of their monastic colleagues.

Hundreds of monks in Yangon and Mandalay, the country's two biggest cities, along with Monywa, the town closest to the mine in northwestern Myanmar, and at least six other towns marched in protest as security forces stood by without interfering.

The monks said they are not satisfied with the apolo-



Buddhist monks march Wednesday during a protest in Yangon, Myanmar, against a violent crackdown on monks by police at Letpadaung copper mine, which is located near Monywa. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

gies made by the government so far. Police used water cannons, tear gas and smoke bombs on Nov. 29 to break up an 11-day occupation of the Letpadaung mine project, a joint venture between a military-controlled holding company and a Chinese mining company. Protesters want

the project halted, saying it is causing environmental, social and health problems.

Nearly 400 monks accompanied by hundreds of lay people marched in a human chain from the east gate of Yangon's famous Shwedagon pagoda to downtown city hall.

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McAfee heads to Miami – flies coach

Software company founder John McAfee leaves a detention centre in Guatemala City and heads to the Aurora International Airport on Wednesday. He was put on a commercial flight bound for Miami, where he sat in a coach-class seat. McAfee was detained last week for immigration violations after he sneaked into Guatemala from neighbouring Belize, where authorities sought to question him about the murder of his neighbour. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China

Activist's nephew faces legal woes as he seeks appeal

A lawyer for the imprisoned nephew of Chinese activist Chen Guangcheng said his legal team would likely miss Thursday's deadline to file an appeal against his conviction because authorities have de-

nied their repeated requests to meet with him.

Blind legal activist Chen Guangcheng made a daring escape from house arrest and fled to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing in April, setting off a diplomatic tussle between China and the United States. He is now living in New York.

His nephew, Chen Kegui, was convicted two weeks ago of attacking officials who stormed his house looking for

his uncle and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Lawyer Ding Xikui said Wednesday that requests to meet with Chen have been turned down repeatedly by the Yinan Detention Center in eastern Shandong province, where he is being held.

"Chen Kegui's family insists on appealing, but we must get the approval from Chen himself," Ding said.

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Anti-corruption. Police detain Serbian retail tycoon

Serbia's billionaire retail tycoon and one of the Balkan country's most influential figures was detained Wednesday in what the nationalist government said is a major anti-corruption sweep.

Miroslav Miskovic, one of the richest people in impoverished Serbia, is the owner of Delta Holding company, which deals with retail, real estate, insurance and agriculture business in Serbia and the rest of the Balkans.

He was detained by police along with his son, Marko, and eight other people in connection with the privatization of several road construction and repair companies in 2005 during which the suspects al-

EU membership at stake

- Serbia's nationalist government has launched several anti-corruption probes since coming to power in June. Critics say they have been mostly aimed at political opponents and allies of the country's previous pro-Western leadership.
- But Serbia must fight graft if it wants to become a member of the EU.

legedly "gained illegal profit" of about \$39 million US, prosecutors said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Trains

Bill Gates ups ownership in CN

Bill Gates has increased his overall stake in Canadian National Railway Co. to about 12 per cent.

Cascade Investment LLC, a company owned by the billionaire founder of tech giant Microsoft, says it

has acquired an additional 13,670 shares of Canada's largest railway for \$1.25 million.

The investment firm now owns a total of 43 million CN shares representing 10 per cent of the company. Gates controls an additional 1.98 per cent of CN stock through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a charitable trust. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Airlines put the fun back in flying with cocktails



Air travel may be getting more stressful, but the drinks are getting tastier.

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In-flight perks. Lost baggage? Delayed connections? At least you can have a mojito

Airlines have found a way to take the edge off the stress of flying and make a few extra bucks along the way: fancy new cocktails, craft beers and elegant wines.

The drinks advertised in the back of in-flight magazines — or on sleek seatback touchscreens — are starting to resemble those served at nightclubs.

- Virgin America offers Grandma's Coffee, an iced cappuccino with Jack Daniels whiskey for \$9 US. Its beer selection includes San Francisco-based 21st Amendment and Black Star from Whitefish, Mont.

- US Airways has partnered with mixer company Stirrings to sell mojitos and cosmopolitan for \$8 each.

- Delta offers the Sky

Quoted

"It's simply a matter of finding a way to get people to spend money. They see people spending \$12, \$14, \$15 or more for fancy martinis, cosmopolitans or other beverages on the ground."

Henry Harteveldt, a travel-industry analyst with Hudson Crossing

Breeze, which is vodka, Fresca and a splash of cranberry-apple juice over ice for \$7. It also sells small-batch bourbon from Woodford Reserve for \$7.

Flying isn't what it used to be. Long lines, ever-changing security rules and limited overhead bin space have all made travelling much more stressful.

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White House, Congress remain far apart on deal

U.S. House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that "serious differences" remain between him and President Barack Obama in negotiations on averting automatic spending cuts and tax increases that economists fear could send the U.S. economy over the so-called fiscal cliff.

Boehner's comments came as top Democrats pushed back on GOP demands for tough steps like raising the Medicare eligibility age and curbing the cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security.

Boehner and Obama spoke on the phone twice Tuesday, a

day after the president offered to reduce his initial demand for \$1.6 trillion US in higher tax revenue over a decade to \$1.4 trillion. But Obama continued to insist that much of the revenue come from raising top tax rates on the wealthy.

Boehner countered later Tuesday with another offer that aides to the Ohio Republican said stuck close to a document delivered to the White House a week ago. A top White House aide, Rob Nabors, came to the Capitol to respond.

Boehner on Wednesday of-

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"I think it's getting worse, not better."

House GOP Whip Kevin McCarthy on the likelihood of averting the fiscal cliff.

fered a sour assessment less than three weeks before the cliff would strike the economy with \$500 billion worth of spending cuts and higher tax rates if left in place through September.

"There were some offers that were exchanged back and forth yesterday and the president and I had pretty

frank conversations about just how far apart we are," the Ohio Republican said after a closed-door meeting with fellow GOP lawmakers in which he advised them not to make plans for the week after Christmas.

Leading lawmakers expressed pessimism that a deal was close, despite increasing angst about a Dec. 31 deadline to stop the expiration of Bush-era tax cuts and separate across-the-board spending cuts that are the result of Washington's failure to complete a deficit-reduction deal last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Consumers turn the page on dedicated e-readers

Tech trends. Rapid decline in sales is part of move to general-purpose devices such as tablets

Sales of dedicated e-reading devices like the black-and-

white Kindles are in an "alarmingly precipitous decline" this year after five years of rapid growth, research firm IHS iSuppli says.

Full-blown tablets with colour screens are behind the decline, the firm says. Amazon.com Inc. now sells tablets under the Kindle

brand, and Barnes & Noble Inc. has added tablets to its Nook e-reader line.

IHS expects shipments of e-readers to fall from 23.2 million last year to 14.1 million this year.

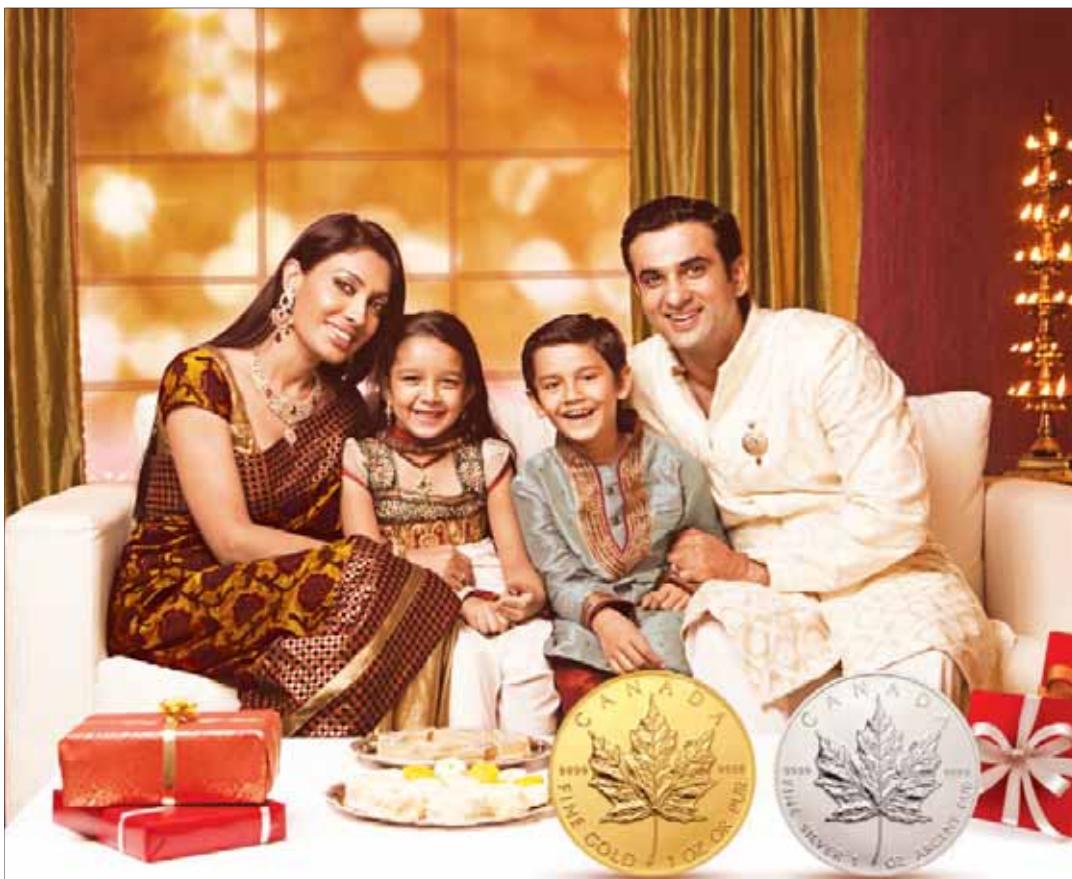
The rapid rise and now rapid decline of e-readers is unusual even for the volatile

consumer electronics industry, says IHS analyst Jordan Selburn, but it's indicative of the broader trend of single-purpose devices like e-readers and cameras losing out to general-purpose ones like tablets and smartphones.

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A young girl looks at a Sony e-book at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October in Frankfurt, Germany. Sales of dedicated e-reading devices are in an "alarmingly precipitous decline," research firm IHS iSuppli says. GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Canadian fallout. U.S. fiscal cliff imperils energy, mining sectors

Consumer concern

- A new poll by Sun Life Financial suggests 63 per cent of Canadians are concerned our economy will be hurt if a deal to avert the fiscal cliff is not reached.

A plunge by Washington over the so-called fiscal cliff would hit Canadian miners and energy companies particularly hard since a slowdown in the U.S. economy would also drag down prices for base metals and oil.

Paul Taylor, chief investment officer for fundamental equities at BMO Asset Management, said Wednesday it will be the cyclical sectors that will be most affected if U.S. lawmakers fail to reach a deal to avoid the automatic tax hikes and spending cuts set to kick in next year.

"We are very much dependent on energy and materials which represent, of course, nearly 50 per cent of the Canadian equity market by market

cap," Taylor said.

"And with slower U.S. — and read from that slower global economic activity — you would have to expect that the price of base metals and energy on which we depend so heavily would be affected negatively and they would certainly lose a bit." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Social media

Facebook to make privacy controls more user-friendly

Facebook is trying to make its privacy controls easier to find and understand in an effort to turn the world's largest social network into a more discreet place.

The fine-tuning announced Wednesday will include several revisions that will start rolling out to Facebook Inc.'s more than one billion users in the next few weeks. The biggest change will be a new "privacy shortcuts" section that will appear as a tiny lock on the right-hand side at the top of people's news feeds.

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Friends, Romulans, countrymen! Lend me your pointy ears. I come not to bury Star Trek (frankly, Voyager did that), but to praise it.

Star Trek: The Next Generation is on Netflix now, and I'm completely engaged. To my surprise and delight, many of my Facebook friends have independently made it their priority No. 1, and it's resulted in the sort of long, passionate comment threads usually only seen under shared photos of ultrasounds and/or Stephen Harper.

I've complained in this space before that too much modern pop culture is just the repackaging of ideas we've seen before. But I can't deny the movies I've been anticipating most lately: Bobcaygeon The Movie (documentary based on a rock ballad), Les Misérables (movie adaptation of a musical adaptation of a French musical adaptation of a novel), and Star Trek Into Darkness (sequel of a reboot of a movie version of a TV series).

I can get all snobby at Men in Black 3, but if it's John's Crap: The Sequel, then my objections mysteriously disappear. In truth, if they made a movie of The Wire, I'd probably show up in costume (rumpled suit with vomit stains).

So I apologize for my earlier complaints. Star Trek: Regurgitation is just fine by me.

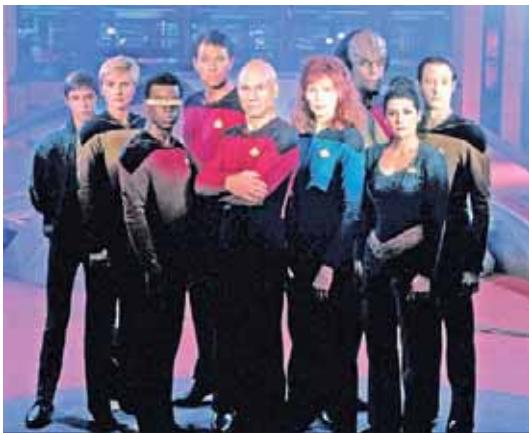
I was the perfect age for the original run of TNG — 11 years old when it debuted as a juvenile imitation of the original series, and 17 when it was over, by then a Hugo Award-winning masterpiece beloved by virgins worldwide. So going back to the future is a pleasant reminder of my not-so-dazed-and-confused youth — I get older, the Enterprise crew stay the same age.

In a world where people no longer meet in town halls and churches, some of us get our sense of community by discussing the legends of Vulcans or Orcs or hard-drinking ad execs. Whether that's a step forward or back I'll leave to you.

But what fun to get lost in the minutiae of a 24th century, where anything can happen except good roles for women. How wonderful to laugh at the stuff they got wrong (Picard's personal computer is amusingly thick) and got right (Picard and Riker discuss a European union). How satisfying to gauge a fellow Trekkie's knowledge level by their recognition of "Make it so" (beginner), "THERE. ARE. FOUR. LIGHTS!" (intermediate), and "All Husnock — everywhere" (expert).

My excitement led me to decide that I'm going to watch every worthwhile Star Trek episode, which after several hours perusing reviews and ratings online I've determined is 30 episodes of the original, six episodes of the animated series, 54 episodes of TNG, 69 of DS9, 29 of Voyager and 25 of Enterprise. (I just hope the experience doesn't turn me into a nerd.)

It's good to boldly go where I've already been before.



Taking us out of here, again: The cast of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

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Love is sweeter by the dozen



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Last triple-date to wed your mate

Many couples kissed during a mass wedding ceremony at the Peak in Hong Kong, on Wednesday. At least 700 couples were expected to get married on the date 12/12/12, the last such triple-date in this year in Hong Kong as they believe the date will bring them everlasting love.

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When the clock strikes 12:12

Twelve-word vows say it all

Federal Judge Donetta Ambrose, left, signals that there are five more minutes before she starts the wedding between Deputy U.S. Marshal Brian Allen, centre, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Amy Johnson in federal court in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Ambrose started their wedding at 12:12 p.m. at the couple's request, where they exchanged 12-word vows on 12/12/12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese numerology

"One is considered a yang number, while two is considered a yin number. Combining the two can offer new couples balance."

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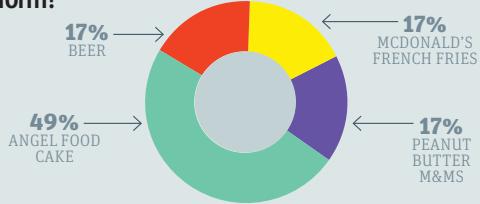


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Classic Christmas tale 'glows' at Alberta Ballet



The highly-anticipated performance of Alberta Ballet's *The Nutcracker* comes to Calgary next week. COURTESY DARREN MAKOVICHUK

The Nutcracker.

Borderline obsessing pays off when putting on iconic production



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Martin Bragg gets it. As Executive Director for the Alberta Ballet, he's responsible for many performances throughout the year. But, there's one classic tale that

he can't get enough of: The Nutcracker. It's a play the company put more than \$1.5 million into more than five years ago in order to acquire the set, costumes and designers needed to do this production justice. No detail was overlooked, Bragg says with enthusiasm.

"There are over 100,000 reflective crystals hand sown into the snowflakes and costumes. The whole stage just glows."

It's the attention to detail that has earned Alberta Ballet a coveted reputation within the industry for this popular production. As Bragg is well aware, many companies

worldwide put on The Nutcracker during the holiday season. In order to keep audiences coming back for more, Bragg borderline obsesses over everything.

After all, despite doing groundbreaking performances with k.d. lang and Elton John, tickets sales are nearly triple for the Nutcracker, so the pressure is on.

"I've tried to take a page from the Disney playbook," he says. "Meaning, for my guests, the experience starts from the moment they purchase their tickets. Even that process has to be seamless. I think of how they are going to get here, how's the parking, you

name it. (They) are spending their hard-earned dollars and I'm determined to give them something they won't forget."

If the enchanting tale of a young girl who's swept along for an incredible adventure on Christmas Eve wasn't enough, Bragg has another trick up his sleeve: Sugarplum parties. Before each show, children have

a chance to meet the ballerinas and create their own costume accessories.

The pre-event festivities are included with the price of admission, which ranges from \$29 to \$106.

But, in order to make sure the cast and behind-the-scenes team are ready to go for the audience, in addition to rehearsing for hours on end, the performers have actually taken their show on the road.

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I dream a dream ... of an Oscar

Les Misérables. How exactly does a costume designer go about dressing three A-list actors in three roles of a lifetime?

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Les Misérables hasn't hit theatres yet, but there's already talk of Academy Awards.

"The whole thing is a very big tour de force for an Oscar," says its costume designer Paco Delgado, who has worked on critical hits such as *Bad Education* and *The Skin I Live In*.

Delgado thinks that the early rave reviews come down to the fact that it's the first film version of a musical to feature live recording as opposed to lip synched performances of pre-recorded songs.

But the movie's starry team might also have something to do with it. The Oscar winner Tom Hooper, best known for *The King's Speech*,



"We used a vibrant red dress, which was particularly striking styled with (Anne Hathaway's) short cropped hair," Delgado says.

directed Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway in what critics are calling roles of a lifetime.

"When Anne Hathaway sang I Dreamed a Dream, I was moved to tears," Delgado said.

Delgado talked Metro through how he underscored the movie's three most emotive performances with costume.

The inspiration

"Costumes always have a

theatrical kind of feeling, whereas clothes are very real, and what I tried to do with this movie is to get into the skin of the character whom I'm dressing," Delgado explains.

Anne Hathaway: Distressed clothes

You'd have to be living under a rock to have missed all the entertainment headlines about Anne Hathaway's 25 pound weight loss for her role as the tragic emaciated



"He wears a uniform pretty much for the entire film," Delgado says of Russell Crowe.



Anne Hathaway

Les Mis in numbers

2,200

costumes in total

1,500

historic outfits made from scratch

\$1.1 M

spent on wardrobe overall

we use fine wools."

Russell Crowe: Dressing a black soul

"He wears a uniform pretty much for the entire film. So he's not the most interesting character (to dress) in that respect," Delgado says. "Russell really wanted to show a man who was becoming bitter with age, so we decided to gradually darken his uniform until it was almost as black as his soul."

Fantine. It turns out the clothes went through the ringer as well.

"We would sand down the fabrics and bleach the materials," he explains. "And we even used blow torches to make the clothes look as though they'd been through a lot of stress," says Delgado.

"Fantine starts out as a pretty girl in cotton mousse-line dresses, which are old but still pretty, and gradually we introduce coarser materials to show her descent into prostitution," says the designer.

Hugh Jackman: Bringing the lowly to life

Hugh Jackman's Jean Valjean is a former convict and an outcast. So Delgado used "blood red rags, rough linens and materials like hessian and hemp to reflect his social position and discomfort."

"After he breaks parole, Valjean becomes more sophisticated in his dress, particularly during his ascension to village mayor," Delgado explains. "There's less grey and

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Breaking down Rihanna's changing hairstyles



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Exclusive interview.

Metro speaks to pop star's personal hair stylist about what goes into creating her public image

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Pop sensation Rihanna is just about as famous for her intense style changes as her incredible career in music.

The young Hollywood starlet, whose exotic beauty is inherited from the island of Barbados, has been present in the public eye for the past seven years, ever since her breakthrough hit Pon de Replay in 2005.

Rihanna's recent tour that went with the name 777 had the entire world talking yet again — the seven-day tour started from Los Angeles and finished off in New York with stops in Mexico City, Toronto, Stockholm, Paris, Berlin and London.

Apart from a strictly selected list of press guests and fans, Rihanna's little entourage included her right-hand man — her personal hair stylist Yusef Williams.

Stylin'

"We aim to create looks that Rihanna feels comfortable in."

Yusef Williams
Rihanna's stylist.

ist Yusef Williams.

Metro received the exclusive opportunity to dive deeper into Rihanna's style secrets with Williams, who has quickly become one of America's most wanted hair specialists.

"My brain is always working when it comes to creating new looks," Williams declares.

The stylist admits that he always keeps Rihanna's unique taste and ideas in mind when putting together imaginative style creations for the artist.

When the two are apart and searching for inspiration separately, Rihanna often sends Williams inspirational pictures through her phone.

"We aim to create looks that Rihanna feels comfortable in, which makes my work so spontaneous. Actually, we pull a lot of inspiration from men's magazines," Williams reveals.

Throughout her career, Rihanna has changed the colour, cut and length of her luscious locks innumerable times.

Drastic changes take their toll and continuous travelling results in dryness even when you are an international celebrity.

Nevertheless, when the bombshell is on tour, there is no spare time for time-consuming treatments.

"Our basic hair care routine starts with tying Rihanna's hair down before she goes to bed. We moisturize both her scalp and hair with organic olive oil-based leave-in conditioners. This step is crucial and it (keeps) her hair healthy," Williams instructs.

Rihanna has gone from pixie crops and ballet buns to dreadlocks and asymmetric hairdos over the years. But what can we expect to see next?

The stylist claims that the superstar's future looks are impossible to plan ahead of time.

"Her current look is short on the sides, but it could be practically anything tomorrow. That's the beauty of Rihanna and that is why I love working with her," the stylist concludes.

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The year in celebrity divorces



THE WORD

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Yesterday we looked at the big celebrity engagements of 2012. (Aw, love!) So today we'll gaze at the years big celebrity divorces. (Boo, dead love!)

Katy Perry and Russell Brand
Announcement: Dec. 30 (so technically this

occurred in 2011 but the fallout was in 2012. Work with me here, folks).

Length of marriage: 14 months

Reason: "She's young, successful and dedicated," Brand said of Perry and her career in an interview with Howard Stern in July. "(The reality is) you can't fully understand it until you do it. I was really into the idea of marriage and having children." Translation: The recovering alcoholic wanted to settle down; she wanted to party.

Contention level: Low. Instead of anger, Perry just seems embarrassed she was ever associated with

the comedian. She recently hid under a table to avoid seeing him while she was having lunch with new beau John Mayer.

Heidi Klum and Seal

Announcement: Jan. 23

Length of marriage: 7 years
Reason: Klum was apparently disturbed about Seal's "inability to control his temper."

Contention level: High. The two are currently involved in a very bitter custody dispute over their four children and Klum's estimated \$70 million fortune.

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise

Announcement: June 29

Length of marriage: 5 years

Reason: Cruise was reportedly blindsided by Holmes' highly orchestrated divorce proceedings. One reason for the split? Us Weekly claims that the couple "fought viciously" over Scientology parenting.

Contention level: Medium. The divorce was fast and furious (by comparison, Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries are still in negotiations). Cruise seems sad; Holmes ecstatic. And Suri is still well-dressed.

Amy Poehler and Will Arnett

Announcement: Sept. 6

Length of marriage: 9 years

Reason: Their romance "fizzled out," RadarOnline.com reported.

Contention level: Low. They are too adorable to be mad at one another.



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY

Lohan won't follow Max and The Wanted

Lindsay Lohan has put an end to her gallivanting with on-the-road British boy band The Wanted, cancelling plans to follow the group to London and then Dubai, according to E! News.

Some suspected the change of plans was caused by Lohan's legal troubles, but the starlet is allowed to leave the country while on probation. Perhaps it's because her recent infatuation with Wanted member Max George reportedly isn't all that serious. "All they're doing is hanging out," a source says.

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No one will see Paranormal Activity 4 with me.

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What would the Dowager Countess do?

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Another great day of work at #glee! Time to get some rest now! Another big day tomorrow! Xoxo

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"@JonahHill: Ok so I've decided I'm going to get married soon, I'm just not sure to who yet" I'm free.



Florence Welch

Florence the peacemaker at recent concert

Florence + the Machine singer Florence Welch turned peacemaker at a recent concert in Scotland, halting the show when she spotted two fans quarreling in the front row, according to Us Weekly. "I can't have a fight in front of me while I'm singing this song! No fighting allowed," she said. "I don't know what's happening but I'd like it to stop. It doesn't matter whose fault it is." Others in the crowd weren't pleased with the interruption and had begun chuckling nervously, causing Welch to chide them as well: "Excuse me, all of you. Stop it," she said. "I'm sorry all of you if you're upset." Welch then hopped off stage and hugged one of the fighting girls who appeared to be crying.

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Bask in Rita's aura

Jay-Z's protege spills about her two-tone lip, her knack for nurturing her locks and her long-standing love for Lopez

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No one rocks a strong brow and bold lip quite like Rita Ora does. And so we felt compelled to pick her brain about her trademark look. In the process, Jay-Z's protege gave us a few tips on how to rock a two-tone red pout and the celebrity (it's J.Lo!) whose complexion she covets the most.

On her morning routine...

"In the day, it takes about 10 to 15 minutes (to put my makeup on). If I don't have to wear makeup, I don't. I don't mind being caught on camera bare-faced. And I think having healthy, glowing skin is really important. On off days, I'll wear bronzer and a lipstick, but that's it. A red lip and black liquid eyeliner would be my easiest look. It looks good on blondes — but this is all bleached!"

...and fancy, get-dressed-up, evening ritual

"If I have an event, I might stick some lashes on and maybe put on some golden, bronzy eye shadow, something to make my eyes stand out a bit more. But in the evening, it takes me probably about 25 minutes to do my makeup — if I'm doing it properly. Do you know what I'm doing right now? The other day, I wore a dress that had pink and red, so I made my top lip pink and my bottom lip red. That was quite cool. We invented that with my makeup artist. Or you can do bright red on the outside and dark red on the inside and blend it all together. The main thing is making your skin look flawless, like you have no makeup on."



She's not a natural blonde, but a natural beauty? No question. HANDOUT

Face the facts

"J.LO is my skin idol, I love her. Is that really crazy? Do I sound like a psychopath?"

Rita Ora

Her skin care before bed

"I wash my face every night and use Crème de la Mer moisturizing soft cream as it makes my skin feel nice. But my skin isn't too bad

actually."

The hair: to spray or not to spray

"(My hair) takes a lot of work. I used to have really long hair, but when I started dying it and using curling irons and stuff, it dried it out. I'd literally have a hair spray in my bag, which isn't good. Now I use clip-ins so that I don't damage my own hair. I also do a lot of treatments — a lot of oils and masks. But your hair will only absorb

so much oil. You also have to eat good. So I eat things like fish for the oils."

Lipstick or lip gloss?

"I love a strong lip. I would see women like Marilyn Monroe and Gwen Stefani with red lips and they never looked like they gave a s---t about what anyone had to say about them. They had such confidence. They were just hot and sexy and not afraid to be different. When I put red lipstick on, I want to be

like them."

About that tan

(I feel the most beautiful) when I've got a tan!"

Her beauty icons

"Kim Kardashian has good makeup. But J.LO is my skin idol, I love her. Is that really crazy? Do I sound like a psychopath? My mum's really good with makeup. She always has a different look. She used to say, 'Don't do a lip and an eye. Pick one.' I follow her advice ... sometimes."



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Turntable to coffee table: Vintage holiday decor

Forget Bing Crosby's classic White Christmas. For me, Christmastime will forever be evoked by David Cassidy crooning My Christmas Card to You, and I still have the 1972 Partridge Family holiday record album to prove it.

The music has long since been transferred to my iPod, but the rest of my family can stand only so much of Cassidy's oddly melancholy rendition of Frosty the Snowman. So I came up with another way to get my fix of nostalgia: I reproduced the album cover art on a tile coaster that now resides on my coffee table, not my parents' old turntable. In fact, I had enough vintage albums to make a set of four holiday coasters, and at a cost of 15 cents per tile, can afford to make more to give to my sister.

But why stop there? I'm also awfully fond of my 1973 Little Golden Book versions of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman, and I get out my battered copies every year. But the books end up lost amid my son's enormous collection, so I came up with a way to make them part of our holiday decor.

Instead of shrinking the

covers as I did for the albums, I enlarged them a bit to fit 8-by-10-inch canvases and hung them on the wall. Slapping a print into a frame would be even easier, but I had the blank canvas on hand and didn't want to buy a new frame. I may be a hopeless sap during the holidays, but I'm also thrifty.

Record album coasters

Materials

- Record album covers
- Scanner or digital camera
- Printer
- Craft knife and metal ruler or scissors
- Spray adhesive or adhesive tape (I used a Scotch-brand Advanced Tape Glider)
- Ceramic tiles, approximately 4-by-4 inches
- Clear enamel topcoat (I used Rust-Oleum Crystal Clear Enamel)
- Felt, cut to the size of the coasters

Instructions

1. Take a picture of your album cover. Scanning it would also work, but most small, desktop scanners won't be big enough to scan the entire



A handmade drink coaster inspired by vintage Christmas albums.
HOLLY RAMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cover in one pass. It's best to stand the album up on a shelf against a wall, so you can get a straight-on view for a photo.

2. Use photo-editing or word-processing software to crop and re-size the image to fit your tile. Print the image, then trim it to size using the



A decorative wall hanging inspired by vintage Christmas books.
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craft knife or scissors.

3. Use adhesive tape or spray adhesive to glue the image to the tile. Many online tutorials call for using Mod Podge, a type of decoupage medium, for this kind of project, but I find it messy. And because it is water-based, the finished coasters likely will not stand

up to moisture or heat from a cold beverage glass or warm mug.

4. Allow adhesive to dry thoroughly, following product directions. Working outdoors, apply several light coats of the clear enamel spray, again following the product directions for how long to wait between coats.

5. Glue squares of felt to the underside of the tiles to prevent the rough surface from scratching your table.

6. Allow the finished coaster to dry for at least several days before using.

Book cover canvases

Materials

- Vintage books
- Scanner or digital camera
- Printer
- Craft knife or scissors
- Spray adhesive or adhesive tape
- Blank 8-by-10-inch canvas
- Optional: acrylic craft paint

Instructions:

1. Scan or take a picture of

your book cover. If scanning, scan at a high resolution (600 ppi) so you can print an enlarged copy without harming the image quality. If taking a picture, use the highest resolution on your camera.

2. Use photo-editing or word-processing software to crop and re-size the image to fit your canvas. (Alternatively, you can simply create a duplicate image that you can print and frame).

3. Print the image, then trim it to size. I chose to print my book cover on high-quality photo paper to get the best image possible.

4. If desired, paint the edges of the canvas a colour that matches your book cover. Let dry.

5. Use adhesive tape or spray to glue the image onto the canvas.

6. If desired, spray the finished canvas with a clear sealant. I chose not to, since it will be hanging up for just a few weeks each year, and I wasn't particularly worried about the image fading or getting damaged.

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- White glue
- Artist's brush
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3. Dip bulb in one of the bowls of glitter and roll around, ensuring that glue



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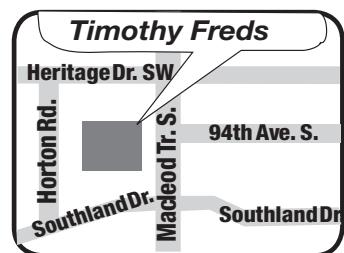
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I love the traditional fried crab cakes served in restaurants, but are they ever high in calories and fat! Here I've used a com-

bination of baby shrimp and crabmeat and sautéed them in a very small amount of oil. The low-fat mayonnaise sauce goes beautifully with these delicate cakes.

They end up at 99 calories and 5.8 grams of fat per serving.

1. To make the cakes, combine the crabmeat, shrimp, mayonnaise, lemon juice, green onion, cilantro, bread crumbs, egg, garlic, ginger and mustard in a food processor. Finely chop until the mixture just comes together. Don't purée. Alternatively, chop by hand.

2. Form into 6 cakes.

3. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Add the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Sauté the cakes for about 5 minutes per side, or just until browned and hot.

4. To make the sauce, combine

Asian Crab and Shrimp Cakes



This recipe serves six. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

the mayonnaise, sour cream, sesame oil and soy sauce in a serving bowl. Whisk until smooth.

5. Garnish the cakes with the diced red pepper and serve the sauce alongside. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

Cakes

- 6 oz chopped crabmeat (or surimi)
- 4 oz baby shrimp (cooked)
- 3 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 cup dried unseasoned bread crumbs
- 1 large egg

- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh ginger
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

Sauce

- 1 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp low-sodium soy sauce

Garnish

- 1/4 cup finely diced red bell pepper

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Three famous omissions



Sidney Crosby

The Penguins superstar is arguably one of the best hockey players in the world. Few will forget his gold-medal goal for Canada at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. But Sid the Kid was left off the 2006 roster as the Wayne Gretzky-run squad decided to go with a veteran team.



Michael Jordan

Long before Air Jordan was great, he was cut from his high school team in the 1978-79 season. As a five-foot-11 sophomore, he was considered too short. He made the junior team and never looked back, starring at North Carolina before lifting the Chicago Bulls to six NBA titles as a pro.



Kurt Warner

Few gave this former grocery-store stockboy much of a chance in the pros. But despite being undrafted and spending four years trying to make the NFL, Warner went on to become one of the league's most prolific passers, winning an MVP and Super Bowl crown in 2001 with the St. Louis Rams. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Cut deep: Roster trim looms at junior camp

World juniors. Top teenagers running out of time to make impressions with final selections expected Thursday evening

There will be tears. There will be anger. There will be disappointment.

It won't be easy, but Team Canada coach Steve Spott will whittle his junior roster to 23 players. The final cuts — players who have always been the best on their teams — are expected Thursday night.

Don Hay, coach of the Vancouver Giants and a two-time Team Canada world junior coach, doesn't envy Spott's position.

"You see tears. You see disappointment. You see anger. You see all the things that go with human emotions," said Hay, who coached the entry last year and in 1995. "You obviously feel for that young man, going through all those different feelings and then (having to) face the media. He's got to compose himself fairly quickly before he goes out and speaks.

"It's a tough 10 or 15 minutes for everybody involved."

For those who remain, there's a team photo Friday, then a flight Saturday to Finland for exhibition games prior to the puck dropping on Boxing Day for the world junior hockey championship in Russia.

Quoted

"I got away from my game last time. I was trying to prove to everyone how my defensive game had evolved.... I got away from my offensive side, which is why I got invited."

Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ryan Murphy, who has twice been cut at world junior camp.

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University of Alberta Golden Bear Johnny Lazo checks Canada selection camp invitee Mathew Dumba during an exhibition game on Wednesday in Calgary. The Golden Bears won 4-1. **JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

First round of cuts

The Canadian junior men's hockey team released five players from its selection camp Wednesday.

- Defencemen Adam Pelech and Derrick Pouliot and forwards Francis Beauvillier, Sean Monahan and Tyler Graovac were cut, dropping the number of players competing for 23 spots on the team to 32.

- Four goalies, 10 defencemen and 18 forwards remain. Nine more hopefuls are expected to be released Thursday.

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Mark Hominick lands a punch on Jose Aldo at UFC 129. Hominick announced his retirement from MMA fighting on Tuesday. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MMA. Hominick throws in towel on fighting career

In the end, Mark (The Machine) Hominick couldn't meet his own high standards.

The 30-year-old featherweight from Thamesford, Ont., announced his retirement as a pro MMA fighter via Fuel TV's UFC Tonight on Tuesday.

"I think it's the right move, at the right time," Hominick said in an interview Wednesday.

"I think I belong at the top of the food chain in the

featherweight division. I think I belong with the Jose Aldo (the UFC champion), in that echelon of fighter. And if I'm not competing and winning at that level, then I think it's time for me to move on with my career."

And with a second daughter just weeks away, Hominick says he can no longer commit to the kind of intense training needed. It's a sacrifice he can no longer make to his family.

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Top players

Former NHLers honoured with Order of Hockey

Paul Henderson, Dave King and Mark Messier were named to the Order of Hockey in Canada on Wednesday.

The 2013 class will be honoured by Hockey Canada in April at a ceremony in Ottawa during the 2013 IIHF women's world hockey championship.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mark Messier has 1,887 points in 1,756 games over 25 seasons.

ELISE AMENDOLA/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Commissioner Gary Bettman heads uptown to address the media following the NHL board of governors meeting last week in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Still walking around in circles

NHL League and players' union gather in New Jersey, but no progress reported in new collective agreement

Quoted

"I thought the gap would be closed much quicker, but it hasn't come to fruition yet, so we have to keep working."

Brendan Morrison, one of 13 players to attend the latest talks on Wednesday.

urban New Jersey, holding discussions that didn't appear to have moved the sides any closer to a deal to save the hockey season.

There was hope going into Wednesday that negotiations could get back on track to the point they were last Thursday before talks fell apart.

The NHL agreed last week to increase its make-whole offer of deferred payments from \$211 million US to \$300 million. It was part of a proposed package that required the union to agree on three non-negotiable points. Instead, the players' association accepted the raise in funds, but then made counter-proposals on the issues the league stated had no wiggle

room.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman then said that the offer was being pulled from the table. However, mediators asked the union on Wednesday, if that proposal was back in play, would the players take it or leave it?

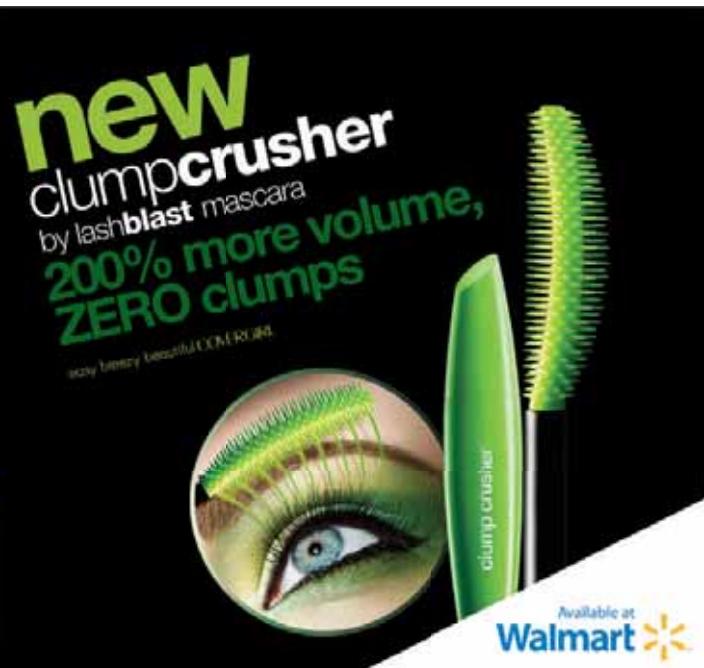
"It wasn't much of a decision," said Brendan Morrison, one of 13 players to attend Wednesday's talks.

The offer wasn't formally re-submitted by the NHL. Neither side made any proposals Wednesday.

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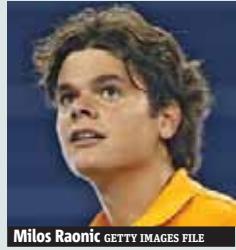
Tennis

Raonic named Tennis Canada player of the year

Rising singles star Milos Raonic has won Tennis Canada's male player of the year award for the second straight year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., won two ATP World Tour titles in 2012 and ended the season as the highest-ranked North American player at No. 13.

"It was a great season but I'm working to continue to grow and develop as a player," Raonic said Wednesday in a release. "All the support I've received this year from the Canadian fans has been incredible and I'm excited to see the growth of our sport continue in Canada." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES FILE



Raptors roll over to Nets

Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas tries to get past Brooklyn Nets forward Reggie Evans in Toronto on Wednesday night. Joe Johnson had 23 points as the Nets handed the short-handed Toronto Raptors their sixth straight loss, 94-88. Raptor Ed Davis had a career-high 24 points with 12 rebounds. Valanciunas added 15 points for Toronto. **CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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13	6	.684	2
12	9	.571	4
12	9	.571	4
12	9	.571	4
11	9	.550	4 1/2
12	10	.545	4 1/2
11	11	.500	5 1/2
8	13	.381	8
7	14	.333	9
7	17	.292	10 1/2
5	18	.217	12
4	19	.174	13
3	16	.158	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	.4	.818
Oklahoma City	18	.4	.818
Memphis	14	.4	.778
L.A. Clippers	16	.6	.727
Golden State	15	.7	.682
Utah	12	10	.545
Minnesota	10	9	.526
Dallas	11	11	.500
Denver	11	12	.478
Houston	10	11	.476
Portland	9	12	.429
L.A. Lakers	9	13	.409
Sacramento	7	14	.333
Phoenix	7	15	.318
New Orleans	5	16	.238

Division leaders ranked in top three positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Wednesday's results

Brooklyn 94, Toronto 88
Indiana 96, Cleveland 81
Atlanta 86, Orlando 80
Golden State 97, Miami 95
L.A. Clippers 100, Charlotte 94
Chicago 96, Philadelphia 89
Boston 117, Dallas 115 OT
Milwaukee 98, Sacramento 85
Houston 99, Washington 93
Oklahoma City 92, New Orleans 88
Minnesota 108, Denver 105
Memphis at Phoenix
San Antonio at Utah

Tuesday's results

Cleveland 100, L.A. Lakers 94
New York 100, Brooklyn 97
Denver 101, Detroit 94
Washington 77, New Orleans 70
L.A. Clippers 94, Chicago 89

Thursday's games

All Times Eastern
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Golden State at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

NETS 94, RAPTORS 88

BROOKLYN (94)
Johnson 7-14 5-6 23, Watson 4-7 4-4 16,
Blatche 7-14 0-0 14, Williams 5-16 0-0 12,
Humphries 1-9 0-0 11, Evans 3-3 3-4 9,
Wallace 2-5 5-11 9, Bogans 0-1 0-0 0,
Teletovic 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 26-35 94.

TORONTO (88)

Davis 11-13 2-3 24, Valanciunas 6-6 3-5
15, DeRozan 5-13 0-0 11, Calderon 4-13 0-0
10, Lucas 4-10 1-3 9, Gray 2-4 3-4 7, Ross
3-8 0-0 7, Pietrus 2-8 1-2 5. Totals 37-75

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-19 (Johnson

4-6, Williams 2-6, Watson 4-4, Teletovic
0-2, Bogans 0-1), Toronto 4-18 (Calderon
2-5, Pietrus 0-5, DeRozan 1-3, Ross 1-3, Lu-
cas 0-2). Rebounds—Brooklyn 38 (Evans 11,
Blatche 9, Watson 6, Humphries 2, Bogans
2, Johnson 2, Williams 2, Brooks 2, Wallace
1, Teletovic 1), Toronto 31 (Davis 12, DeRo-
zan 5, Valanciunas 4, Calderon 3, Pietrus 2,
Gray 2, Ross 2, Lucas 1). Assists—Brooklyn
20 (Johnson 4), Toronto 21 (Calderon 15).
Total Fouls—Brooklyn 16, Toronto 25.

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SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP

SECOND ROUND

Wednesday's result
Mansfield Town 2, Lincoln City 1
Oxford United vs. Accrington Stanley, ppd.

LEAGUE CUP

QUARTER-FINAL

Wednesday's result
Swansea 1, Middlesbrough 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Wednesday's result
Celtic vs. Dundee United, ppd.

FA CUP

FOURTH ROUND

Wednesday's result
Dumbarton vs. Hamilton Academical, ppd.
Arbroath F.C. 0, Celtic 1
Cowdenbeath vs. St. Johnstone, ppd.

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

SEMIFINAL

At Toyota, Japan
Wednesday's result
Corinthians (Brazil) 1, Al Ahly (Egypt) 0

FIFTH-PLACE PLAYOFF

At Toyota, Japan
Wednesday's result
Sanfrecce Hiroshima (Japan) 3, Ulsan
Hyundai (South Korea) 2

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Wednesday's result
Ajaccio 2, Reims 0

Brest 1, Montpellier 2

Evian 2, Troyes 0

Lorient 2, Sochaux 0

1, Nancy 1

Bastia vs. Marseille 1

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Worcester	24	12	9	1	2	66	72
Providence	22	12	8	0	2	53	61
Portland	24	12	10	1	1	74	79
Manchester	24	11	10	2	1	68	61
St. John's	26	11	14	0	1	59	75

NORTHEAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Springfield	22	14	4	1	3	79	47
Bridgeport	24	11	11	1	1	73	81
Connecticut	24	11	11	2	0	71	83
Albany	21	8	8	0	5	50	56
Adirondack	23	10	12	1	0	63	68

EAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Syracuse	24	15	6	1	2	88	70
Binghamton	21	13	6	1	1	67	52
W-B/Scranton	23	13	8	1	1	68	78
Hershey	26	13	12	1	0	70	71
Norfolk	22	10	12	0	0	63	68

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Abbotsford	24	14	4	3	3	63	48
Toronto	23	13	9	0	1	76	65
Lake Erie	25	12	11	1	1	74	78
Rochester	22	11	9	2	0	72	66
Hamilton	21	9	10	1	1	43	64

MIDWEST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Grand Rapids	22	13	7	1	1	74	62
Rockford	25	13	11	0	1	81	76
Chicago	22	10	9	2	1	58	66
Milwaukee	23	10	10	2	1	64	70
Peoria	24	9	11	2	2	57	82

SOUTH

GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PT
Charlotte	25	14	9	0	2	82	71
Houston	23	13	7	1	2	76	64
Texas	23	12	8	2	1	58	62
Oklahoma City	23	11	9	1	2	73	70
San Antonio	25	10	12	0	3	66	75

Wednesday's results

Hershey 4, St. John's 0

W-B/Scranton 3, Albany 6

Worcester 1, Connecticut 2

Binghamton 3, Syracuse 4

Thursday's games—All Times Eastern

Rochester at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.

Hamilton at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Albany at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Peoria at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.

Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m.

Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Friday's games

Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.

Manchester at Portland, 7 p.m.

Albany at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m.

Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

St. John's at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

W-B/Scranton at Albany, 7 p.m.

Worcester at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games

Charlotte at St. John's, 7 p.m.

W-B/Scranton at Albany, 7 p.m.

Worcester at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.

Bridgeport at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Texas at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Monday's result

St. John's 1, Charlotte 0

W-B/Scranton 1, Albany 0

Worcester 1, Connecticut 0

Binghamton 1, W-B/Scranton 0

Bridgeport 1, Norfolk 0

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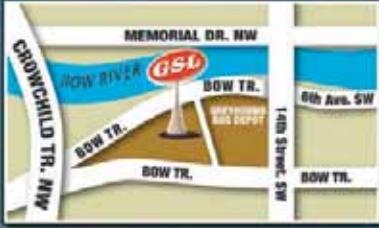


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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Focus on what you are good at and forget the rest. If you play to your strengths, you will soon be on the road to fame and fortune. Stop listening to what everyone else is saying and do only what motivates you.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Chances are you will have a flash of insight today that reveals how you can earn big money in the not too distant future. Don't forget though that the future depends a lot on what you do right now, so get busy.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Today's new moon is sure to bring changes in one or more important relationships. Whether they are the kind of changes you enjoy remains to be seen but they are certainly changes that are needed, so don't fight them.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The more you do now, while you are in the mood to work, the less you will have to do later when you are not. Just remember that you don't have to do something simply because everyone else is doing it.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A new moon in the most creative area of your chart gives you the kind of confidence you need to move mountains. Both in your personal life and at work you are capable of great things, so don't sell your talents short.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Sometimes it is smart to let your rivals win and this could be one of those occasions. If it gives them the impression that you are losing your grip, it will make it easier for you to win the battles that count!

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Someone you meet today could become more than a friend, so get up and get out into the world. If a stranger catches your eye, follow it up with a smile and a chat. One thing leads to another.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to come to a decision today about a money matter and the planets will make it easy for you. There is really only one option on the table that is worth pursuing, so commit to it and make it pay.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A new moon in your birth sign means you will find it easy to get your way over the next 24 hours. Does that fill your head with all sorts of outrageous ideas? It should! There are no limits (for you).

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

How and why did you allow yourself to get worked up about something so trivial? Whatever the reason, you must now stand back from the situation and see it for what it is: a minor inconvenience, nothing more.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will need to choose between one group of friends and another today. Your time is limited and you can only do justice to one set of commitments, so choose wisely. You can make it up to your other friends later.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't get so carried away with your plans and big ideas that you overlook the little things on which they depend. Remember: genius is 10 per cent inspiration and 90 per cent perspiration — yes, even for a Pisces. SALLY BROMPTON

Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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MIN: -14°MAX: -2°
MIN: -7°MAX: -4°
MIN: -7°ANDREW SCHULTZ
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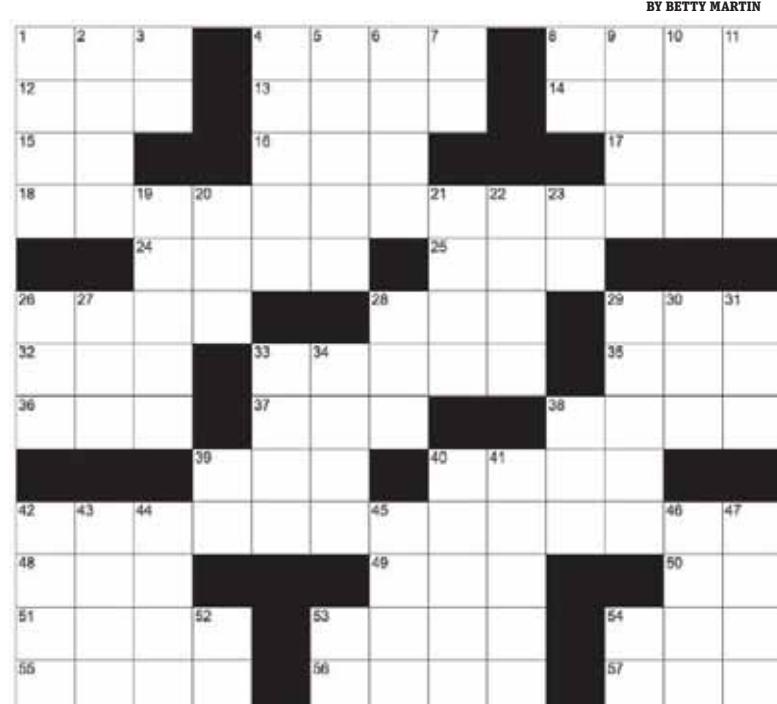
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Crossword

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- Nightmare street
- Ruse
- Asian nurse
- Cocoon
- Comic/actress Tomlin
- Ward of Once and Again
- Musical group: — Vogue
- American Music Awards (abbr.)
- Refusals
- 1970's Dick Van Patten series (3 words)
- Toward sunrise
- Sanford and —
- Planet nearest but one to earth
- Paulo, Brazil
- Coffee container
- Aspire
- Repeat over
- Oath affirmation (2 words)
- Speech hesitation
- Runner
- The — Griffith Show
- Coupe or convertible
- Send forth
- Beatles hit song (4 words)
- Stout
- Boathouse item
- Medical drama which starred George Clooney
- Emily of New —
- Small branch
- Form of address
- Hang
- Model MacPherson
- Capone and Capp
- Down
- Fencing sword
- Burt Reynolds ex.
- Marcus Welby, —
- Some shoes
- Margin
- Woe is me!
- Wife and Kids

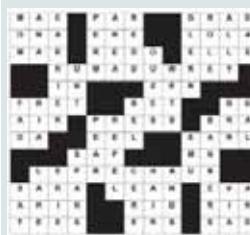


- The World Turn
- Restaurant offering
- Like a bump on — (2 words)
- Jumble
- Bacteria
- This Hour — 22 Minutes
- Actor Morales of NYPD Blue
- Lunch time for many
- Strangers — A Train"
- Screen siren West

- America"
- Droop
- Mottled bean
- The — Couple
- Christmas trinket
- Type of horse
- Wise one
- Be indisposed
- Hartford state.
- High-tech message

- Unite
- Sleep under the stars
- Salve plant
- Inert gas
- Wail
- Bridal accessory
- Goofs
- Fargo state
- Diem
- Peru's continent (abbr.)

Yesterday's Crossword



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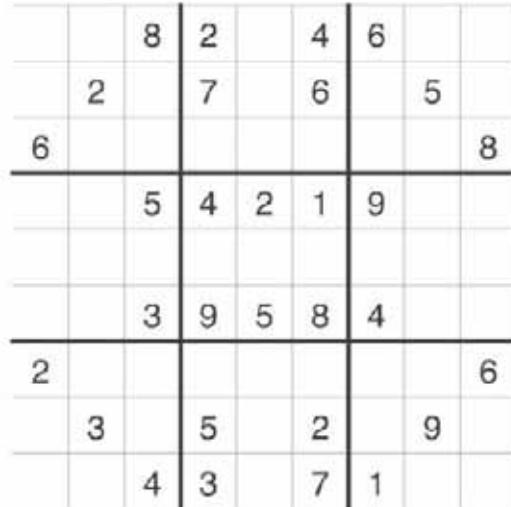
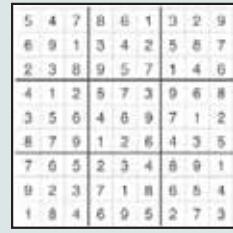
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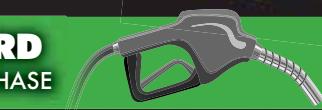


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